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# **66th National Convention**

August 31 - September 5, 1984 ● Salt Lake City, Utah

# The American Legion 1984 Convention Program Salt Lake City, Utah

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About the Cover: The spectacular Wasatch Mountains offer a dramatic backdrop to Salt Lake City, Utah, site of the 66th National Convention of The American Legion. This majestic mountain range provides the "Crossroads of the West" with seven beautiful

canyons, some only 30 minutes from the center of the city—an open invitation to Convention visitors to relax and enjoy. In the center foreground of our cover photo is the city's principal landmark, the multi-spired Mormon Temple. Cover photograph by Frank Jensen.

# A Year of Tumult and Triumph

ELCOME TO THE AMERICAN LEGION'S 66th annual National Convention, the wide open spaces of the American West and beautiful

As we convene to establish direction and elect leadership for the coming year, we can look with satis-

faction on the preceding 12 months and the fruits of our labor.

It has been an exciting year, one filled with opportunities and challenges that proved time and again the resourcefulness and dedication of Legionnaires everywhere.

It also was a year marked by tragedy and triumph. Momentous events both in distant lands and close to our shores punctuated the tale of a continuing quest for lasting peace and freedom from the threat of aggression.

U.S. servicemen once again gave their lives in support of America's objectives abroad. In an effort to bring about an orderly restoration of Lebanese sovereignty and withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon,

U.S. Marines and sailors became part of a multinanational peacekeeping force. Tragically, 241 of them were brutally murdered in the terrorist bombing of

our military headquarters in Beirut.

Shortly thereafter, U.S. troops were summoned to rescue American students and others on the tiny Caribbean island of Grenada, only to discover Cuban and Soviet arms and ammunition caches for the export of revolution to other areas of the Western Hemisphere.

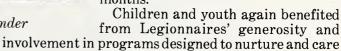
The American Legion, in a promise to American peacekeepers everywhere, stiffened its resolve to support a comprehensive and long-term plan of economic and security aid to the area to stop the spread of Marxist revolution and offer emerging democracies the opportunity to determine their own destinies.

The year also has been one of commemorations and observances. Each has had a special significance for The American Legion. Forty years ago two events changed the future for the world and the future of generations of veterans. We observed the anniversary of the invasion which signaled the liberation of Europe-D-Day-and we commemorated the signing of the most significant piece of social legislation ever passed by the U.S. Congress-The American Legion written G.I. Bill of Rights.

One of the most poignant moments of the year was our participation in the interment of an unknown from the Vietnam War at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. The event marked one more fitting tribute to the veterans of that war and served as a reminder that there are more yet to be accounted for.

Across the nation American Legion programs flourished. Words and phrases like "grassroots" and "community involvement" took on newer and more significant meaning. Service to veterans. their families and their hometown continued at fever-pitch levels, with millions of volunteer hours and donated dollars contributing to the betterment of life in America.

One fine example is our Columbia University-American Legion Study of Vietnam Era Veterans. Thanks to thousands of Legion volunteers who participated or administered questionnaires in the field, the study should reveal preliminary results in just a few



for our nation's greatest natural resource.

Americanism and pride in our flag and nation is once again reshaping the direction of the country with a bright and positive outlook. Young Americans eagerly anticipate their futures and seek roles as leaders of a promising land.

To help them achieve their goals, The American Legion has maintained its position as a strong and resonant voice in the halls of government ensuring the call for a strong defense and an even stronger commitment to peace and stability is heard.

As I look back at the dedication and devotion demonstrated by every man and woman of The American Legion during the past year, mere words are inadequate to express the feeling of pride I have in our organization and the humility I feel when I realize I have had the great fortune of being your leader during such an auspicious time.

As we set ourselves to the magnificent work ahead I want to convey my gratitude for the loyalty and hard work of each of you. We did some pretty impressive things that were witnessed by the nation and by the world. Let us remember that our standards of service to God and Country are the standards of an entire people. They have entrusted us with maintaining and preserving them.



Keith Kreul. National Commander

# Where to Register and Obtain Information

Registration and Information Booths will be operated in Salt Lake City for the convenience of conventioneers. You may register for the Convention at a fee of \$10.00 per adult.

# Booths will be located in the-

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Salt Lake Sheraton Hotel
Hotel Utah
National Headquarters Office,
Suites C, D, E, F,
Salt Palace Center

Booths will operate from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 30 and daily thereafter from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until taken out of service at the direction of the Convention Corporation.

A registration booth will operate in the Foyer of the Arena, Salt Palace Center on the days of General Convention Sessions, Sept. 3, 4 and 5, for those persons who have not previously registered and wish to attend convention sessions. (Official convention badge is required for entry to sessions).

All persons (except those under age 13) are to be reminded that the official convention badge or other approved credentials are required to gain entry to the General Convention Sessions.



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WASHINGTON

June 22, 1984



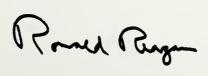
I am delighted to send my warmest greetings to the delegates and guests of the 66th American Legion National Convention.

In gathering to renew old acquaintances and relive memories of days shared in service to your nation, you will have the opportunity to reflect on the countless ways our country has changed since the American Legion was founded in the shadow of "the war to end all wars."

It is moments like this that remind us that America has been the shining beacon of hope to a world yearning to be free. Your organization has played a crucial role in holding aloft the torch of liberty during the past sixty-six years.

Rest assured that I shall continue to look to the members of the American Legion for strength and support as we continue the task of rebuilding America's military strength. It is the patriotic men and women of the American Legion that have sustained our nation in time of crisis and provided unwavering support for the traditional values that are the essence of the American spirit.

May you have a wonderful convention and continue to be a vital force for a strong and confident America in the years ahead.







STATE OF UTAH OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR SALT LAKE CITY 84114

SCOTT M. MATHESON

August 31, 1984

Greetings!

On behalf of the state of Utah, I would like to welcome you to On behalf of the State of Annual Conventional of The American Salt Lake City for the September 5, 1984.

Legion August 31 through September 5 while you are here, I hope you will take time to visit some of the scenic and historic distance of your hotel.

While you are here, sites in the Salt Lake valley--some are to your hotel.

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Please accept my best wishes for a successful convention and an enjoyable stay in Utah.

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TO: American Legionnaires
American Legion Auxiliary Members

The Department of Utah is extremely proud to welcome all Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and Guests to our state and to the City of Salt Lake for the 66th Annual Convention of the American Legion. We hope you enjoy your stay in our area and have a very successful convention.

This is Utah's first time at hosting a National Convention and we are confident that you will find it a Convention you will remember for a long time. Our facilities as a Convention Center is unique, for we will hold our meetings, Legion and Auxiliary under one roof. This will be a first to the best of  $my\ knowledge$  . Our people are true Westerners, friendly, helpful and ready to make your stay fully one of welcome.

If there is anything the Legionnaires of the Department of Utah or it's fine Auxiliary can do to make your stay more pleasant, please call on us.

Department Commander
The American, Department of Washington Byron M. Lewis Department Commander

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### GREETINGS:

I would like to welcome you to Salt Lake City and the Sixty-Sixth Annual Convention of the American Legion being held from August 31 to September 5, 1984.

As Mayor of Salt Lake City, I want to express the warmest regards on behalf of our residents, and tell you how delighted we are that you are holding your Annual Convention in our City. It is indeed an honor to be the host for those of you who have distinguished yourselves in the service of our country.

While you are in Salt Lake City, I encourage you to enjoy the many fine establishments in our downtown area. We have numerous dining, cultural and recreational attractions in addition to some of the most beautiful scenery in the country.

Best wishes for a pleasant visit and an enjoyable and productive convention.

Sincenely,

Led L. Wilson

Mayor



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WELCOME TO SALT LAKE CITY FOR THE 66TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION!

I am delighted that you have chosen our area for your convention August 31 - September 5. While you are here, I hope you will take some time to explore the metropolitan area as well as some of our spectacular mountains. You might want to visit Temple Square and hear the world famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir, try to sink in the Great Salt Lake, take a cool ride up Little Cottonwood Canyon to see the summer side of Snowbird and Alta, and do some shopping at our unique specialty stores and boutiques.

Best wishes for a worthwhile convention. I hope your trip to Salt Lake City is so enjoyable you can't wait to come back.

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# National Commander's Dinner for Distinguished Guests

Salt Palace Center Assembly Hall Tuesday, September 4 7:30 p.m.

# Entertainment Featuring—

The Moods in Blue Show, under the direction of Lt. Col. John D. McCord, is a full scale musical variety production consisting of enlisted professional entertainers in the U.S. Air Force. Based at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., the group tours the country to bring a unique blend of patriotism and musical entertainment to Air Force audiences as well as the general public. The climax of each show is a heartfelt tribute in song to our nation, a stirring shout of celebration that has been received with enthusiasm wherever the Moods in Blue have appeared.



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# Auxiliary Display

Symphony Hall Main Lobby Saturday, September 1 through Wednesday, September 5 Open: 9:00 A.M. Daily

All locations will have a wide selection of American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary merchandise, National Convention memorabilia and gifts.

# Official Program

Sixty-sixth Annual National Convention Of The American Legion



For some delegates it will be a brand new experience; for some it will be a familiar scene, but, whether it's the first or thirty-first you are attending, there's an air of excitement and anticipation as the gavel falls to call the National Convention to order and the opening session gets under way. Pictured here is the opening session of the 65th National Convention, August 23, 1983, Seattle, Washington.

# Agenda

# 66th Annual National Convention—The American Legion The Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, Utah September 3-5, 1984

# Monday, September 3, 1984

8:30 a.m. Prelude

9:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Keith Kreul (Wisconsin)
National Commander

Opening Program—Audiovisual Flag Presentation

**Advancement of Colors** 

Highlanders Senior Color Guard American Legion Post No. 201 Louisville, Kentucky

Star Spangled Banner

George Behunin—Soloist Bountiful, Utah

Accompanied by: Peter Ole—Organist

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

James C. McKee (Utah) National Chaplain

Preamble to The American Legion Constitution

Keith Kreul (Wisconsin)
National Commander

9:25 a.m.

Post Everlasting Ceremony

Campbell County Post No. 42 Gillette, Wyoming

Memorial Prayer and Lighting of Peace Candle

James C. McKee (Utah) National Chaplain

Call for Convention

Robert W. Spanogle (Michigan) National Adjutant

10:00 a.m. Welcome

The Honorable Scott M. Matheson  $Governor\ of\ Utah$ 

The Honorable Ted Wilson Mayor of Salt Lake City

Byron M. Lewis, 1983-84 Department Commander The American Legion of Utah

William E. Christoffersen, *President* The American Legion 1984 National Convention Corporation of Utah

Responses to Addresses of Welcome

Keith Kreul (Wisconsin)
National Commander

10:20 a.m.

National Commander's Report

Keith Kreul (Wisconsin) National Commander

10:35 a.m.

Presentation of Medallion to the City of Seattle, Washington—Host City for the 1983 National Convention

By: Al Keller, Jr. (Illinois)
Past National Commander

To: Richard H. Klinge, *President*The American Legion 1983 National
Convention Corporation of Washington

10:40 a.m.

Certificate of Appreciation

By: Keith Kreul (Wisconsin)
National Commander
To: James C. McKee (Utah)

To: James C. McKee (Utah) National Chaplain

10:45 a.m.

Report of Credentials & Internal Affairs— Section 1

10:50 a.m.

Report of Legislation & Rules

11:00 a.m.

Introduction

Mrs.Thomas J. Gear (Virginia)
National President
American Legion Auxiliary

11:05 a.m.

Report of Credentials & Internal Affairs— Section 2

11:10 a.m.

Report of Credentials & Internal Affairs-

Presentation of Special Membership Awards for 1984

By: Keith Kreul (Wisconsin)
National Commander

Assisted By: J. Leslie Brown, Jr. (Kentucky)
National Vice Commander

1:25 a.m.

Report of Children & Youth

11:40 a.m.

Greetings

William J. Meade, National President The Society of American Legion Founders

Ron Dunne, *Dominion President* Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada

A. (Tony) Stacey, First Vice President The Royal Canadian Legion

General Cheng Wei-yuan, Chairman Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen Republic of China

Admiral Kyu-Sup Kim, Retired Vice President
The Korean Veterans Association

Salute to Colors

12:20 p.m. Recess

# Tuesday, September 4, 1984

8:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Keith Kreul (Wisconsin) National Commander

Salute to Colors

Invocation

James C. McKee (Utah) National Chaplain

8:40 a.m.

Address

The Honorable Harry N. Walters Administrator Veterans Administration

9:00 a.m.

Report of Foreign Relations

9:25 a.m.

Address

Commodore James Cossey, USN Director, Asian & Pacific Region Office of the Secretary of Defense

9:45 a.m.

Report of Americanism

**Special Presentation** 

To: Daniel J. O'Connor (New York)
National Commander's Representative
Americanism Commission

By: Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)

Chairman

Americanism Commission

NOTE: Times of subsequent sessions and time of Convention Committee Reports are subject to change by the Chair.

10:05 a.m.

Presentation—Representatives of The American Legion Youth Programs

American Legion Scout of the Year Shawn Terry Farris, Thermopolis, Wyoming

1984 First Place Winner National Oratorical Contest

Arthur A. Jordan, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

1984 Boys Nation President John Michael Verde, II Hamshire, Texas

1983 Baseball Player of the Year Michael Halloran, Edina, Minnesota

1984 Girls Nation President Miss Sandra J. Jedziniak Wethersfield, Connecticut

10:20 a.m.

Presentation—William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy

By: Bruce E. Penny, Retired Newsman The Seattle Post-Intelligencer

To: Winning Department

10:25 a.m.

Welcome

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch United States Senator
State of Utah

10:30 a.m.

Address:

The Honorable Jake Garn United States Senator State of Utah

10:45 a.m.

Presentation—The American Legion Distinguished Service Award

By: Keith Kreul (Wisconsin)
National Commander

To: The Honorable J. Strom Thurmond President Pro Tempore The United States Senate

11:00 a.m.

Address:

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan President of the United States

11:30 a.m.

Address:

The Honorable Rex Lee Solicitor General of the United States

11:45 a.m.

Seagram Posts' Awards Drawing

Drawing for The American Legion

Keith Kreul (Wisconsin)
National Commander

Robert W. Groccia (Massachusetts) National Vice Commander

Drawing for the American Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. Thomas J. Gear (Virginia)
National President

Mrs. E. Wayne Gardner (Florida) National Vice President

11:50 a.m. Report of Economics

12:10 p.m.

Presentation—Employer of the Year Awards for Hiring Veterans

By: Keith Kreul (Wisconsin)
National Commander

To: Ms. Alice J. Robinson, Personnel Manager Hopper Paper Division Georgia Pacific Corporation Taylorville, Illinois

To: William Illing, Director of Employee
Development
Kansas City Power & Light Company
Kansas City, Missouri

12:20 p.m.

Introduction—Sons of The American Legion New Elected National Commander

12:30 p.m. Report of Finance

12:40 p.m. Report of Constitutional Amendments

12:55 p.m.

Report of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

Claims and Rating Hospital and Medical Services Salute to Colors

1:45 p.m. Recess

# Wednesday, September 5, 1984

9:00 a.m.

Call To Order Keith Kreul (Wisconsin) National Commander

Invocation

James C. McKee (Utah) National Chaplain

NOTE: The National Executive Committee will meet within twenty-four (24) hours after close of the Convention—upon the call of the National Commander.

9:05 a.m.

Report of National Security Aerospace Defense Civil Preparedness Law and Order Merchant Marine Military Affairs Naval Affairs

10:15 a.m.

Presentation—The American Legion Fourth Estate Award

By: Keith Kreul (Wisconsin)
National Commander

To: Brian P. Lamb, President C-SPAN

10:30 a.m. ADDRESS

The Honorable John R. Block
Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture

11:00 a.m.

Special Address—Candidate for President of the United States

11:30 a.m.

Presentation of Plaque and Colors to Outgoing National Commander

By: William J. Haese Shorewood, Wisconsin

12:00 noon

Special Order of Business

Election of National Officers National Commander

Administering the Oath of Office to the National Commander

Robert E.L. Eaton (Maryland)
Past National Commander

Acceptance Speech by Newly Elected National Commander

Election of National Officers
Five (5) National Vice Commanders

1:00 p.m.

Presentation of Colors to Newly Elected National Commander

By: John H. Geiger (Illinois)
Past National Commander

Response by Newly Elected National Commander

Presentation of Newly Elected National President of the American Legion Auxiliary

**Unfinished Business** 

Benediction

**Retirement of Colors** 

Final Adjournment

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Bill Ayers Republican National Committee Washington, D.C.

Capt. Brent Baker, USN Asst. Chief, Information for Operations Department of the Navy (DC)

Norman Bangerter, Speaker House of Representatives West Valley City, Utah

Paul T. Bannai Chief Memorial Affairs Director Veterans Administration (DC)

Col. Joseph Battaglia
Base Commander
Hill Air Force Base, Utah

C. Randolph Beard, Jr., President Annin & Company Verona, New Jersey

George W. Bentley Minneapolis, Minnesota

Col. Ferdinand C. Bidgood, USA Executive Assistant to Administrator Veterans Administration

Hon. Wilford Rex Black, Jr. Senator Utah State Senate

> Hon. John R. Block Secretary of Agriculture U.S. Department of Agriculture

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General Cheng Wei-yuan, Chairman Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

C. J. Chiang, Secretary Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

> William E. Christoffersen, President The American Legion 1984 Convention Corporation of Utah

Commodore James Cossey, USN Director, Asian & Pacific Region Office of the Secretary of Defense

Robert G. Crawford
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Terry Culler, Associate Director Workforce Effectiveness & Development Corp. U.S. Office of Personnel Management (DC)

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Robert E. David, Executive Director Employment Security Commission Columbia, South Carolina

Bertram G. Davis Past National Judge Advocate Tierra Verde, Florida

Hon. Jim Davis Mayor, South Salt Lake Salt Lake City, Utah

James V. Day Bethesda, Maryland

Edward J. Derwinski, Counselor Department of State (DC)

Virginia Donnelly, USCG U.S. Department of Transportation Coast Guard Community Relations (DC)

Vahan Dukmejian Setauket, New York

Ron Dunne Dominion President Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada

William H. DuRoss, III, Associate Solicitor Division of Employment and Training Legal Service U.S. Department of Labor (DC)

Kenneth E. Eaton, Chairman Board of Veterans Appeals Veterans Administration (DC)

> Robert E. L. Eaton Past National Commander Chevy Chase, Maryland

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Michael Halloran The American Legion Baseball Player of the Year Edina, Minnesota

> Hon. Orrin G. Hatch United States Senator State of Utah

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Chairman: Dale L. Renaud
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## Americanism Screening Committee:

August 31, 9:00 a.m. Salon II, 1st Floor Sheraton Hotel

## Commission on Children & Youth:

September 1, 9:00 a.m.
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Chairman: Eugene V. Lindquist
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## Constitution and By-Laws Committee:

September 1, 9:00 a.m.
Emigration Room, 1st Floor
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August 30, 9:00 a.m.
Shilo Hotel
August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Shilo Inn
Chairman: Archie Pozzi, Jr.
Carson City, Nevada

### **Convention Commission:**

September 1, 9:00 a.m.
Salon III, 1st Floor
Sheraton Hotel
Chairman: Wendell G. Williams
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September 1, 9:00 a.m. Grand Ballroom C, 2nd Floor Sheraton Hotel Chairman: Maurice E. Druhl Beaverton, Oregon

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September 1, 9:00 a.m. Topaz Room, 2nd Floor Sheraton Hotel Chairman: Frank A. Kelly Savannah, Georgia

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### **Emblem Committee:**

September 1 & 2, 9:00 a.m.
Executive Board Room, 2nd Floor
Marriott Hotel
Chairman: Frank Johnston
Washington, Illinois

### **Finance Commission:**

September 1, 9:00 a.m. Salon II, 1st Floor Sheraton Hotel Chairman: Walton D. Griffin Clarksville, Tennessee

# American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee:

September 1, 9:00 a.m.
Salon I, 1st Floor
Sheraton Hotel
Chairman: Jerome P. Dobel, Jr.
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September 1, 9:00 a.m.
Millcreek Room & Parleys Room, 1st Floor
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September 1, 9:00 a.m. Canyon Room I, 2nd Floor Sheraton Hotel Chairman: James P. Dean Corinth, Mississippi

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September 1, 9:00 a.m.
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September 1, 9:00 a.m.
Salon G, 1st Floor
Marriott Hotel
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September 1, 9:00 a.m.
Salon D, 1st Floor
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September 1, 9:00 a.m. Canyon Room III, 2nd Floor Sheraton Hotel Chairman: William M. Detweiler New Orleans, Louisiana

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August 30-September 1, inclusive, 9:00 a.m. Salt Palace Chairman: Alex M. Geiger Gaston, South Carolina

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September 1, 9:00 a.m. Seminar Theatre, 2nd Floor Sheraton Hotel Chairman: Milford A. Forrester Greenville, South Carolina

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September 1, 9:00 a.m.
Grand Ballroom A & B, 2nd Floor
Sheraton Hotel
Chairman: William F. Lenker
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# Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Screening Committee:

August 31-September 1, 9:00 a.m. Salon I, 1st Floor Sheraton Hotel

# National Executive Committee Sept. 2, 4:00 p.m.

Grand Ballroom Section C, 2nd Floor Sheraton Hotel Chairman: National Commander Keith Kreul Fennimore, Wisconsin

# S.A.L. Meetings

# 13th Annual Sons of The America Legion Convention

(Executive Committee)
Aug. 31, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Grand Ballroom
Salon E., 1st Floor
Marriott Hotel

# 13th Annual Sons of The American Legion Convention

(General Sessions)
Sept. 1, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and
Sept. 2, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Grand Ballroom
Salon E., 1st Floor
Marriott Hotel

# **Meetings of Convention Committees**

The following Convention Committees will be composed of one delegate from each Department. Initial meetings of Convention Committees will be at the time and place as shown below. Subsequent meetings will be at the call of the chairman.

Meetings of Convention Committees normally will be closed to all except committee members.

### Americanism ...... Sheraton Hotel African Affairs Alta Room, 2nd Floor September 2, 8:30 a.m. Inter-American Affairs Jr. Ballroom East, 2nd Floor Cottonwood Room, 1st Floor Baseball and Recreation Subcommittee Far Eastern Affairs September 2, 9:30 a.m. Snowbird Room, 2nd Floor Jr. Ballroom East, 2nd Floor Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee Middle Eastern Affairs September 2, 9:30 a.m. Brighton Room, 2nd Floor Salon I, 1st Floor Counter-Subversive Activities Subcommittee Legislation & Rules ..... Marriott Hotell September 2, 9:30 a.m. September 2, 10:00 a.m. Salon III, 1st Floor Salon G, 1st Floor Youth Activities Subcommittee September 2, 9:30 a.m. National Security Committee Jr. Ballroom East, 2nd Floor Joint Meeting ...... Marriott Hotel (Aerospace, Defense Civil Preparedness, Children & Youth ...... Sheraton Hotel Merchant Marine, Military Affairs, September 2, 9:00 a.m. Naval Affairs, Law & Order) Jr. Ballroom West, 2nd Floor September 2, 9:00 a.m. Grand Ballroom Salon A, 1st Floor Constitutional Amendments ..... Marriott Hotel Aerospace September 2, 9:00 a.m. September 2, 10:00 a.m. Emigration Room, 1st Floor Grand Ballroom Salon A, 1st Floor Defense Civil Preparedness Credentials and Internal Affairs. Sheraton Hotel September 2, 10:00 a.m. Sections I & II Grand Ballroom Salon B. 1st Floor Credentials and Other Internal Matters Merchant Marine September 2, 9:00 a.m. September 2, 10:00 a.m. Canyon Room I, 2nd Floor Grand Ballroom Salon F, 1st Floor Membership Military Affairs Section III September 2, 10:00 a.m. September 2, 9:00 a.m. Grand Ballroom Salon D, 1st Floor Canyon Room II, 2nd Floor Naval Affairs September 2, 10:00 a.m. Economic ...... Sheraton Hotel Grand Ballroom Salon H, 1st Floor Employment and Veterans Preference Law & Order September 2, 9:00 a.m. September 2, 10:00 a.m. Topaz Room, 2nd Floor Grand Ballroom Salon C, 1st Floor Other Economic Matters September 2, 9:00 a.m. Canyon Room III, 2nd Floor Finance ...... Sheraton Hotel

National Security Committees	
Joint Meeting	Marriott Hotel
September 3-4, 8:00 a.m12:00	Noon

Grand Ballroom Salon D, 1st Floor

# Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation ...... Sheraton Hotel

Claims & rating and Hospitals & Medical Services (Joint Meeting) September 2, 9:00 a.m. Grand Ballroom Section B, 2nd Floor Hospitals and Medical Services September 2, 9:30 a.m. Grand Ballroom Section B, 2nd Floor

September 2, 9:00 a.m. Salon II, 1st Floor

September 2 & 3, 9:00 a.m.

Park City Room, 2nd Floor

Millcreek Room, 1st Floor

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Ballroom C Monday, September 3—7:30 a.m.

American Legion College Class of 1954 Marriott Hotel—Alta Room Breakfast

Tuesday, September 4—7:30 a.m.

National Organization of World War Nurses Reunion Shilo Inn—Wasatch Room Sunday, September 2—8:30 a.m.

Twenty & Four Little America Hotel August 29-31 Bivouac—Ballroom C August 31 Banquet—Ballroom A—7:30 p.m.

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National American Legion Press Association (NALPA)

Salt Lake Sheraton
Sunday, September 2
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(Contact NALPA Secretary—Press Desk
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Meeting—1:00 p.m. Sunday Salon II

Awards Banquet—7:00 p.m. Sunday Sheraton Ballroom West

The Society of American
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Little America Hotel
Sinclair Room
Saturday, September 1—3:00 p.m.

Past Commanders' Luncheon Marriott Hotel Salon E, F, G and H Reception and Luncheon Monday, September 3—12:30 p.m.

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Hon. Scott M. Matheson Governor State of Utah Honorary President



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#### Standing Rules of the National Convention

The following are the Standing Rules of the National Convention as contained in the "UNIFORM CODE OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL CONVENTIONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION," authorized under Article V, Section 6, of the National Constitution of The American Legion.

#### Standing Rules of the National Convention

- 1. Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be the authority on parliamentary procedure, with the following modifications:
- 2. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the Convention, shall rise, address the Chair as "Mr. Commander" and state his name and the name of the Department before proceeding.
- 3. Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker.
- 4. Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention shall be limited to two hours except under such special rule as the Convention shall adopt prior to dabte.
- 5. But two delegates from any one delegation shall be permitted the floor on any one question. Where disagreement exists within a delegation one delegate shall be permitted to speak on each side of the question. Upon a division of the question, however, this rule shall be applied separately for each division.
- 6. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one question, except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention. Chairmen of Convention Committees may speak as frequently as may be necessary in connection with the reports of their committees. The Presiding Officer shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without affording the Committee Chairman an opportunity for rebuttal.
- 7. Decisions on Rules of Debate or parliamentary order by the Presiding Officer may be subject to appeal by any two delegates under a Point of Order. Such appeal shall take precedence over any pending questions and shall be decided forthwith. An appeal from the decision of the Chair shall be put to the Convention on the question: "Shall the Chair be sustained?"
- 8. When the poll of any Department Delegation is demanded by a delegate of such department, the Convention Secretary shall poll the vote without discussion of the question being voted upon.
- 9. On the Roll Calls, the delegation Chairman shall poll his delegation on the floor and announce its vote.

- 10. In the event a delegation secretary is not an accredited delegate or alternate, he shall be seated with his delegation.
- 11. Past National Commanders' votes shall be cast with their delegations.
- 12. Only accredited delegates or their alternates, shall participate, directly or indirectly, in a viva voce vote on any subject before the convention.
- 13. Department delegations may arrive at a vote in such manner as they choose, but shall announce it in terms of full units and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from his Department.
- 14. There shall be no unit rule of voting.
- 15. Voting shall be by acclamation, except when a Roll Call is demanded by the Chairman of at least three Departments. Election of National Officers shall be by roll call.
- 16. In the event a Department has not provided the method by which alternates shall be designated to serve in the place of absent delegates, the Chairman of the delegation shall make such designation.
- 17. Prior to the election of National Officers, the National Commander shall appoint, subject to approval of the Convention, a Judge of Election and such number of tellers as he deems necessary, provided that the total tellers so appointed shall be an odd number. In a contested election each candidate going to the ballot shall be entitled to one teller of his choice.
- 18. Nominations for National Officers shall be from the floor on Roll Call of the Departments alphabetically arranged. Each Department may present as many candidates as it chooses.
- 19. Nominating speeches for National Officers shall be limited to five minutes each. Not more than two seconding speeches shall be made for any candidate, and said speeches shall be limited to three minutes.

- 20. When more than two candidates are nominated for any office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes of the Convention, except in the election of National Vice Commanders.
- 21. In a contested election for National Vice Commanders, balloting shall continue until (a) majorities and (b) pluralities are established for one or more candidates under the following provisions:

If, on any ballot taken, less than five candidates receive the necessary majority to elect, the candidate or candidates receiving a majority vote shall be declared elected and a new ballot shall be taken for the remaining number of places to be filled. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be disqualified; except should two candidates remain to fill one place, a new ballot shall be taken.

- 22. The Convention will nominate and elect a National Commander, and five National Vice Commanders, in this sequence.
- 23. At the conclusion of balloting on National Vice Commanders, each Department Delegation Chairman shall deliver a written ballot to the tellers. Such ballots shall be in the hands of the tellers before communication is made to the National Commander for announcement of the results.
- 24. Those recognized by the National Commander shall be entitled to a respectful hearing, and the

Chair shall have the authority to clear the gallery or the floor or have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the Convention any one creating a disturbance or interfering with orderly procedure.

- 25. None of the above rules shall be construed as preventing an alternate delegate from serving on a Convention committee.
- 26. The consent of two-thirds of the voting strength of the Convention is necessary for suspension of the standing rules of the Convention.
- 27. Any amendment to any resolution or report originating on the floor shall be presented in writing and transmitted to the Presiding Officer at the time of the introduction of such amendment.
- 28. Special rules applying to specific issues or order of business, shall be written and presented to the Convention by the Legislation and Rules Committee for adoption by majority vote at least one hour before such issue, or order, is to be considered unless such rule is agreed to by unanimous consent of the final session.

Special rules shall prevail only in the Convention adopting them.

Any delegate may apply for a special rule to the Legislation and Rules Committee or may appeal to the Convention for such special rule provided the rule be presented in writing, be read once from the platform, and shall lay upon the table at least one hour before the vote thereon is taken.









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## Patriotic Religious Service

Mormon Tabernacle, Temple Square Sunday, September 2, 1984 – 10:15 a.m.

Welcome

Parade of Flags (audience standing)

Pledge of Allegiance (audience standing)
Sam Ouinette, Area Explorer Pres., Utah

Musical Selection

"God Bless America" by Irving Berlin Arranged by Roy Ringwold Mormon Tabernacle Choir—Directed by Dr. Gerold D. Ottley President—Oakley S. Evans

Invocation

Douglas Bible (MN), National Chaplain Sons of The American Legion

Call to Worship

Frank E. Ockert (AK), Department Chaplain The American Legion

**Musical Selection** 

Patriotic Medley—"An American Tribute" by Robert Cundick—Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Lynn S. Kearsley (ID), Department Chaplain Nathaniel T. Cobb (ME), Department Chaplain The American Legion

**Memorial Prayer** 

Mrs. Warren T. Sheldon (NY), National Chaplain American Legion Auxiliary

**Musical Selection** 

"The Lord's Prayer" by Alfred Hay Mallotte Mormon Tabernacle Choir

**Keynote Address** 

President Gordon B. Hinckley, Second Counselor in the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

**Musical Selection** 

"Eternal Life" by *Olive Dungan* and *Fred Bock* Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Memorial Message

James C. McKee (UT), National Chaplain The American Legion

**Musical Selection** 

"Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Peter Wilhouski—Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Placing of Memorial Wreaths (audience standing)

Keith Kreul (WI), National Commander

Robert W. Spanogle (MI), National Adjutant

Mrs. Thomas Gear (VA), National President Mrs. Miriam Junge (OH), National Secretary American Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. Elyline F. Schweitzer (CA), Le Chapeau National Mrs. James C. Malone (FL), La Secretarie Caissiere Eight and Forty

The American Legion

Fred Hartline (OH), National Commander Joseph A. Paviglianti (NY), National Adjutant Sons of The American Legion

Moment of Meditation (audience standing)

Taps (audience standing)

Retirement of Colors (audience standing)

Benediction (audience standing)
Rev. Charles Rice, Jr. (NY)
Department Chaplain
The American Legion

Ushers

Mormon Tabernacle

Color Guard

Great Salt Lake Council Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity and Explorer Scouts

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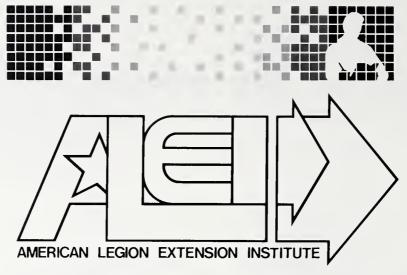












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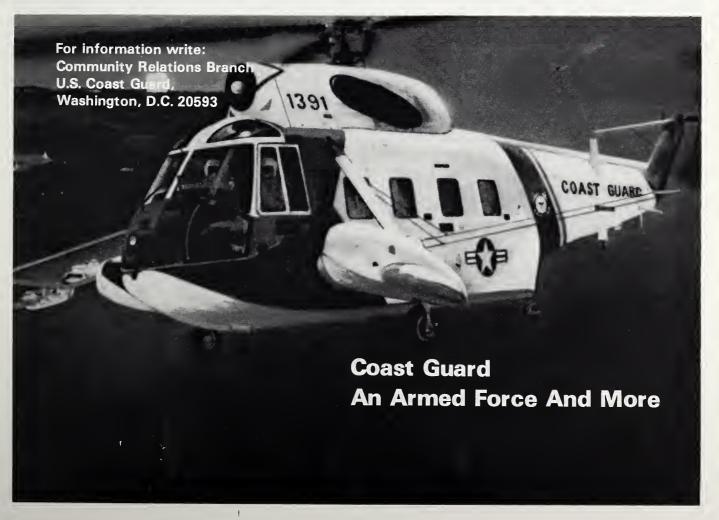
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\*\*\*John G. Emery Michigan 1921

\*Hanford MacNider Iowa 1921-22

\*Alvin M. Owsley Texas 1922-23

\*John R. Quinn California 1923-24

\*James A. Drain District of Columbia 1924-25

\*John R. McQuigg Ohio 1925-26

\*Howard P. Savage Illinois 1926-27

\*Edward E. Spafford New York 1927-28

\*Paul V. McNutt Indiana 1928-29

\*O. Lee Bodenhamer Arkansas 1929-30

\*Ralph T. O'Neil Kansas 1930-31

\*Henry L. Stevens, Jr. North Carolina 1931-32

\*Louis Johnson West Virginia 1932-33

\*Edward A. Hayes Illinois 1933-34

\*Frank N. Belgrano, Jr. California 1934-35

\*Ray Murphy Iowa 1935-36

\*Harry W. Colmery Kansas 1936-37

\*Daniel J. Doherty Massachusetts 1937-38

\*Stephen F. Chadwick Washington 1938-39

\*Raymond J. Kelly Michigan 1939-40

\*Milo J. Warner Ohio 1940-41

North Dakota 1941-42

\*Roane Waring Tennessee 1942-43

\*Warren H. Atherton California 1943-44

\*Edward N. Scheiberling New York 1944-45

\*John Stelle Illinois 1945-46

\*Paul H. Griffith Pennsylvania 1946-47

\*James F. O'Neil New Hampshire 1947-48

Perry Brown Texas 1948-49

George N. Craig Indiana 1949-50

Erle Cocke, Jr. Georgia 1950-51

\*Donald R. Wilson West Virginia 1951-52

\*Lewis K. Gough California 1952-53

\*Arthur J. Connell Connecticut 1953-54

\*Seaborn P. Collins New Mexico 1954-55

J. Addington Wagner Michigan 1955-56

Dan Daniel Virginia 1956-57

John S. Gleason, Jr. Illinois 1957-58

Preston J. Moore Oklahoma 1958-59

Martin B. McKneally New York 1959-60

William R. Burke California 1960-61

Charles L. Bacon Missouri 1961-62

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#### Past National Commanders By Vote Of National Convention

\*Bennett Champ Clark Missouri—Presided at Paris caucus—March, 1919

\*Milton J. Foreman Illinois—Chairman, Executive Committee at Paris

\*Henry D. Lindsley Texas—Presided at St. Louis caucus—May 1919

\*Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. New York

\*Eric Fisher Wood Pennsylvania—Temporary Chairman and Secretary at Paris caucus

\*Thomas W. Miller Nevada-Chairman Pro *Tempore* Paris Caucus March 1919

\*Maurice Stember New York

Hamilton Fish, Sr. New York

#### **Honorary National** Commanders

\*General John J. Pershing \*Marshal Ferdinand Foch

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\*\*Killed in auto accident while serving as Commander

\*\*\*Elected by Executive Committee to fill unexpired term.

#### Recipients of The American Legion

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1946-Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey Hon. Cordell Hull 1947-Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen Sen. Edward Martin Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson 1949—President Harry S. Truman George Herman (Babe) Ruth\* Maj. Gen. Frank Parker\* 1950—Charles F. Johnson, Jr. Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers 1951—Gen. Charles P. Summerall 1953—Rep. Royal C. Johnson\* 1954—Maj. Gen. George A. White\* 1955-Dr. Jonas E. Salk Maj. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh 1956-Vice Adm. Joel T. Boone Charles Stewart Mott 1957-Gen, Mark W. Clark The Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen 1958-Bernard Mannes Baruch Unknown Servicemen of World War I, World War II, and Korea, Interred at the Tomb of the

Unknown soldier, Arlington

1964—Dr. Charles W. Mayo 1965—President Herbert C. Hoover\* Hon. James F. Byrnes 1966—Capt. Roger H. C. Donlon 1967—Hon. Tom C. Clark 1968—President Lyndon B. Johnson Gen. William C. Westmoreland 1969—President Richard M. Nixon 1970—Rep. Olin E. Teague 1971—Rep. L. Mendel Rivers\* Sen. Richard B. Russell\* 1972-Sen. John C. Stennis Dewitt Wallace 1974—Hon, Henry A. Kissinger Rep. F. Edward Hebert 1975—Harry W. Colmery 1976—Pat O'Brien 1977-Howard A. Rusk, M.D. 1978-Bowie K. Kuhn 1979—Thomas A. Murphy 1980-President Gerald R. Ford Dead & Missing of the Vietnam 1981—American Space Shuttle Astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen 1982—President Ronald W. Reagan 1983—Adm. Hyman G. Rickover

\*Awarded Posthumously

National Cemetery

1961—President John F. Kennedy

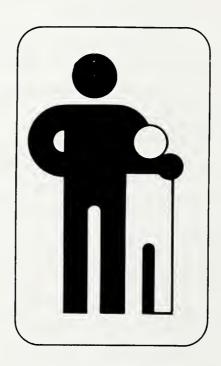
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1959-Sen. Robert S. Kerr

1962—Gen. Lucius D. Clay

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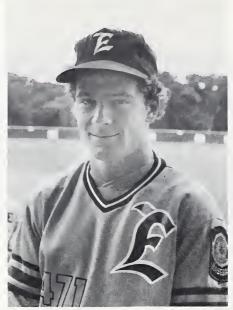
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Mrs. John (Gina) Bardole Chairman

## Youth Leaders Attend Convention

#### Baseball



Michael Halloran Edina, MN Player of the Year

#### **Oratorical**



Arthur A. Jordan Pittsburgh, PA Winner, National High School Oratorical Contest

#### **Scouts**



Shawn T. Farris Thermopolis, WY Scout of the Year

#### **Boys Nation**



John M. Verde II Hamshire, TX Boys Nation President

#### The American Legion and the Veterans Administration Medical Care Program for Veterans

Perhaps the most important work The American Legion is doing in Washington these days is the continuing effort to maintain and improve the Veterans Administration medical care program for veterans.

The VA program is the largest and most comprehensive health care program in the nation, consisting as it does of 172 hospitals and 226 outpatient clinics. In the VA hospitals, nursing home care units and domiciliaries there are more than 100,000 beds in which some 75,000 veterans are receiving care on any given day. The operation of the program costs more

than \$8 billion per year.

The problems facing the VA health care program are immense, considering that the veteran population today exceeds 28 million, including more than 10 million World War II veterans whose average age is 63 years. Of course, all veterans do not use the VA health care system. Statistics indicate about three million veterans use the system regularly. This number includes those with service-connected disabilities and those who are not financially able to pay for care in the private sector.

It is not expected the Congress will be able to substantially increase the size of the present VA system. The cost is too high, and going higher each year. The effort of The American Legion, therefore, is to see that the greatest number of veterans possible have access to care they need from the VA. First priority is, and always has been the service disabled, and after them WW I veterans, former POWs, Agent Orange victims, and veterans suffering with catastrophic illnesses

who do not have the resources to obtain the level of care they need.

In this continuing effort to protect, defend, maintain and improve the VA health care program, the support of all Legionnaires is needed. The objective is to provide the highest quality care for the the greatest number of veterans who are entitled by law, and most in need of such care. With the ever increasing cost of health care and the advancing age of the WW II generation of veterans, the problems to overcome will continue to be significant. It must be said too, that there are those who are opposed to spending such large amounts of money on a health care system that is maintained exclusively for veterans. The American Legion is convinced the American people want and support this system, but we must continue to support it in public forums and to persuade Congress it is a justified and worthwhile Federal program.

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Mrs. Miriam Junge National Secretary



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## American Legion Auxiliary

## Sixty-Fourth Annual National Convention 1984

## Hotel Utah Salt Lake City, Utah

Theme: "Hats Off to America"

#### Saturday, September 1, 1984

9-10:15 a.m.

Pre-Convention National Executive Committee Meeting, Junior Ballroom

#### **Pre-Convention Committee Meetings**

2-4:30 p.m.

Group A — Grand Ballroom III Presiding—Mrs. Harvey R. Volkers

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Group B — Grand Ballroom II Presiding—Miss Barbara Wallett

Group C — Grand Ballroom I Presiding—Mrs. Gene Steffen

Group D — Lafayette Ballroom Presiding—Mrs. John Boam

Group E — Bonneville Hall I Presiding—Mrs. Stanley Couvillon

Group F — Bonneville Hall V Presiding—Mrs. Lloyd W. Light

Group G — Empire Room Presiding—Mrs. I.J. Deshotel

Group H — Bonneville Hall II Presiding—Mrs. Paul Lucas

Group I — Bonneville Hall III Presiding—Mrs. Alfred Franz

Group J — Bonneville Hall IV Presiding—Mrs. Lyle Seymour Americanism Foreign Relations National Security

Children and Youth
Liaison with Child Welfare Foundation
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Past Presidents Parley
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Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

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Membership

Credentials

Resolutions

Finance

National Junior Registration, Junior Ballroom

1-3 p.m.

3-4 p.m.

Get-Acquainted Social Hour for Juniors,

Junior Ballroom

4-5 p.m.

National Junior Divisional Caucuses

Central—Room 1022 Eastern—Room 1035

Northwestern—Minuet Room Southern—Junior Ballroom Western—Room 263

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Opening Session Rehearsal for National Officers, Past National Presidents, Department Presidents, National Chairman & Vice Chairman of Pages, and

National President's Personal Pages,

Symphony Hall, Salt Palace

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Opening Session Rehearsal for Juniors, Symphony Hall, Salt Palace

Sunday, September 2, 1984

7:30-9:30 a.m.

Divisional Caucuses:

Central Division—Grand Ballroom II
Eastern Division—Grand Ballroom I
Northwestern Division—Grand Ballroom III
Southern Division—Lafavette Ballroom

Southern Division—Lafayette Ballroom Western Division—Empire Room

8-9:30 a.m.

National Junior Convention, Junior Ballroom

10-11 a.m.

Patriotic Memorial Service, Mormon Tabernacle

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Past Department President's Luncheon, Grand Ballroom II

Opening Session 2:30-5 p.m. Symphony Hall, Salt Palace Center

**Opening Ceremonies** 

Introduction of National President

Mrs. William D. Calder

National Convention Chairman

Call to Order

Mrs. Thomas Gear National President

Invocation

Mrs. Warren T. Sheldon National Chaplain

**Moment of Silence** 

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Edward Yankovich

National Americanism Chairman

National Anthem

Preamble to the Constitution

Mrs. Lloyd W. Light

National Constitution & Bylaws Chairman

Introduction of 1984-1985 Department Presidents

Welcome

Mrs. Thomas Gear National President

**Introductions and Greetings** 

The American Legion

Mr. William E. Christoffersen

1984 Convention Corporation President

Mr. Robert W. Spanogle National Adjutant

Mr. Keith Kreul National Commander The State of Utah

American Legion Auxiliary

The City of Salt Lake City

National Convention Chairman

The Honorable Scott M. Matheson

Governor of Utah

The Honorable Ted L. Wilson Mayor of Salt Lake City

Mrs. Barbara Bickley, President

Department of Utah

Mrs. William D. Calder

National Convention Chairman

#### **Introduction of National Officers**

Mrs. Helen Adams Gardner National Vice President

**Division National Vice Presidents** 

Mrs. Harvey R. Volkers, Central Miss Barbara Wallett, Eastern Mrs. John Boam, Northwestern Mrs. Stanley Couvillon, Southern Mrs. Gene Steffen. Western

Mrs. Warren T. Sheldon, National Chaplain Mrs. T.T. Newsome, National Historian Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield, National Treasurer Mrs. Miriam Junge, National Secretary

**Greetings From the National Officers** 

Mrs. Helen Adams Gardner National Vice President

Introductions and Greetings of the Past National Presidents

Mrs. Walter Stolte

Junior Past National President

#### **Introduction of National President's Pages**

Mrs. Edward Cochran, National Chairman of Pages Mrs. William E. Christoffersen, National Vice Chairman of Pages Mrs. Kathy Owens, Personal Page Mrs. Janice Gear, Personal Page Mrs. Carl Prantl, Personal Page Mrs. B.L. Pleasants, Jr., Personal Page

Report of Convention Committees

Credentials **Permanent Organization** Rules

Mrs. Paul Lucas, Chairman Mrs. Doris Fauth, Chairman Mrs. Virginia White, Chairman

Recess-4:30 p.m.

National President Candidate's Reception 7-9 p.m.—Lafayette Ballroom

National Officer Candidates' Reception 7-9 p.m.—Grand Ballroom

Monday, September 3, 1984 Symphony Hall, Salt Palace Center 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Mrs. Thomas Gear National President

Invocation

Mrs. Warren T. Sheldon National Chaplain

Presentation of National Junior President & National Junior Officers

**National Junior Activities Report** 

Mrs. George Mackey, Chairman

#### Nomination of National Officers 1984-1985

Reports of National Officers

National Chaplain National Historian National Secretary National Treasurer Mrs. Warren T. Sheldon Mrs. T.T. Newsome Mrs. Miriam Junge Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield

First Reading of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws Recess—10 a.m.

Joint Session With The American Legion 10:15-11:45 a.m. Arena, Salt Palace Center

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Monday, September 3, 1984 Symphony Hall, Salt Palace Center 1:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Mrs. Thomas Gear National President

Greetings of Representatives of Other Organizations

**National Committee Reports** 

Americanism National Security Foreign Relations Community Service Membership Mrs. Edward Yankovich, Chairman Mrs. Jack Smith, Chairman Mrs. John Mokler, Chairman Mrs. Otis Simmons, Chairman Mrs. I.J. Deshotel, Chairman

Memorial Service Recess—3 p.m.

National Convention Parade 3:30 p.m.

Head Table Reception 6:30-7:15 p.m. Suite B, Salt Palace Center

States Dinner
7:30 p.m.
Assembly Hall, Salt Palace Center

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Tuesday, September 4, 1984 Symphony Hall, Salt Palace Center 8:30 a.m.

> Mrs. Thomas Gear National President

Mrs. Warren T. Sheldon National Chaplain

Election of National Officers 1984-1985

Report of the National President Mrs. Thomas Gear

National Committee Reports
Mrs. James E. Starr, Chairman

Children and Youth

Call to Order

Invocation

Liaison with Child Welfare Foundation Education Girls State Mrs. Alan M. Schanel, *Chairman*Mrs. H.B. Behrend, *Chairman*Mrs. Ted Galka, *Chairman* 

#### Introduction of 1984 Girls Nation President

#### **Introduction of Convention Committees**

Recess-11:45 a.m.

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Tuesday, September 4, 1984 Symphony Hall, Salt Palace Center 1:45 p.m.

Call to Order

Mrs. Thomas Gear National President

#### **National Committee Reports**

**Public Relations** 

Mrs. Harvey Holcomb, Chairman

#### Golden Press and Golden Mike Awards

#### **National Committee Reports**

Constitution and Bylaws Finance Leadership Mrs. Lloyd W. Light, *Chairman* Mrs. Lyle Seymour, *Chairman* Mrs. Richard Paul, *Chairman* 

#### **National Committee Reports**

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Poppy Legislative Past President Parley Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Mrs. Robert Melgard, Chairman Mrs. Harvey Holcomb, Chairman Mrs. Albert Dorn, Chairman Mrs. Walter Stolte, Chairman Mrs. Hugh Graham, Chairman

#### Reports of Resolutions Committee

Mrs. Alfred Franz, Chairman Mrs. Marcel Braquet, Vice Chairman Miss Adrienne Alix, Secretary

Recess-4:30 p.m.

National Commander's Banquet 7:30 p.m. Assembly Hall, Salt Palace Center

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Wednesday, September 5, 1984 Symphony Hall, Salt Palace Center 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Mrs. Thomas Gear National President

Installation of National Officers 1984-1985

Presentation of Colors to Retiring National President

Presentation of Pin and Ribbon to Retiring National President

#### **Retirement of National Colors**

#### Adjournment of the 64th National Convention

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Post-Convention National Executive Committee Meeting (Immediately following adjournment of the National Convention)

#### **National Convention Committees**

National Convention Chairman Mrs. Betty Calder

National Convention Vice Chairman Mrs. Dora Trowbridge

National Convention Secretary Mrs. Maurine Johnson

Courtesies
Mrs. Carolyn Was

Mrs. Carolyn Washburn, Chairman Mrs. Marilyn Bown, Vice Chairman

Distinguished Guests
Mrs. Hazel Jones, Chairman
Mrs. Lee Marrill, Vice Chairman

Divisional Caucuses
Mrs. Leona Lay, Chairman
Mrs. Eva Wright, Vice Chairman

Eight and Forty
Mrs. Gina Bardole, Chairman
Mrs. Judy Lewis, Vice Chairman

Exhibits
Mrs. Edna Plowman, Chairman
Mrs. Thalia Spackman, Vice Chairman

First Aid
Mrs. Ina Curtis, Chairman
Mrs. Sandy Grantz, Vice Chairman

Flowers & Corsages
Mrs. Lynda Schewerda, Chairman
Mrs. Vea Jean Hamailton, Vice Chairman

Halls & Seating
Mrs. Pat Haun, Chairman
Mrs. Linda Williams, Vice Chairman

Hospitality
Mrs. Frances Funk, Chairman
Mrs. Ernestine Kallas, Vice Chairman

Information
Mrs. Lois Pickett, Chairman
Mrs. Marian Hardy, Vice Chairman

Junior Activities Mrs. Wilma Barton, Chairman Mrs. Debbie Haun, Vice Chairman Lost & Found
Mrs. Vera Peterson, Chairman
Mrs. Bernice Olsen, Vice Chairman

Mail Room

Mrs. Barbara Gwilliam, Chairman

Mrs. Laura Craig, Vice Chairman

National Candidates' Reception Mrs. Edith Bonner, Chairman Mrs. Ruth Hill, Vice Chairman

> ges Mrs. Elaine Christoffersen, *Chairman* Mrs. Shirley Ford, *Vice Chairman*

President's Plate Sales
Mrs. Shirley Lambertson, Chairman
Mrs. Lorelie Jensen, Vice Chairman

Public Relations
Mrs. Donna Nielson, Chairman
Mrs. Tammy Ekker, Vice Chairman

Registration
Mrs. Leora Shank, Chairman
Mrs. Betty Dow, Vice Chairman

age Mrs. Audrey DeLeeuw, *Chairman* Mrs. Anna Lu Hutchings, *Vice Chairman* 

States Dinner
Mrs. Barbara Swapp, Chairman
Mrs. Donna Sibert, Vice Chairman

Transportation
Mrs. Shirley Meier, Chairman
Mrs. Cathy Wright, Vice Chairman

#### Office Assignments

National Secretary	Jade Room
National Treasurer & Registration	Pioneer Room
Program Coordinator	Gold Room
National Convention Chairman	Room 251
Public Relations	Room 250
First Aid	Symphony Hall Foyer
Lost & Found and Mail Room	Symphony Hall Foyer

#### Congratulations to '84 "We Help America Work" Commanders

District Commanders

Five winners of the "Top District Commander" competition will be presented plaques by National Commander Kreul during the 66th Annual National Convention in Salt Lake City. These five District Commanders placed first in their category in the "Top District Commander" competition. The first place awards went to the District Commander in each category with the greatest percentage of increase over the final 1983 district membership as of May 1, 1984. The five winners are:

Category I-Joe Gallegos, District 1, Department

of New Mexico, 114.74% Category II—William R. McLeod, Jr., District 3, Department of Tennessee, 123.35%

Category III—Joseph L. Lecouffe, District 5,

Department of Vermont, 103.20%

Category IV—R.L. "Luke" Iller, District 13,
Department of Florida, 107.29%

Category V—William W. Cole, North Central
District, Department of Maryland, 108.45%

These five District Commanders will be the guests of National Commander Kreul for 6 days/5 nights as distinguished guests at the 66th Annual National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Commanders' transportation, housing and tickets to the National Commander's Banquet will be provided by National

Commander Kreul as a reward for their outstanding leadership as District Commanders for 1984.

Department Commanders

National Commander Kreul will present five Department Commanders with a 10 karat gold ring for their outstanding membership accomplishments for 1984. Mr. Walter Bumala, Department Commander of Alaska; Mr. Harry McDowell, Department Commander of Florida; Mr. William H. Jarvis, Department Commander of Arizona; Mr. James C. Loughran, Department Commander of Maryland; and Mr. Milton Willis, Department Commander of Vermont, will receive the all-time high Department Commander's ring for establishing a new all-time high membership for 1984 at least 30 days prior to National Convention.

These are the only five Department Commanders that qualify for this award at printing time; however, there is a possibility other Department Commanders

will qualify before August 6, 1984.

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- 2. Check your room. Know the layout. This could be the best place and only safe place in the event of a fire. Put your hotel key near you when you are asleep. Never leave your room without your key. Try the windows. How do they open?
  - Check the locks on your door for operation. Look out your window to determine possible escape routes.
- 3. If the fire is in your room, report it to the Fire Department. Try to put the fire out but if you have

- any doubts as to your ability to put it out by yourself get out and close the door behind you. Sound the alarm. Awaken others.
- 4. If your door is hot or smoke is dense in the hallways, stay in your room. Open the window slightly to vent the room if there is smoke. Let someone know that you are in the room. If the phone works, call for help. If your bathroom has a fan, turn it on. Fill the bath tub with water. The water may be needed to combat the fire and smoke. Put wet towels and sheets around doors and cracks if smoke seeps in. Remember that you can use the ice bucket to bail water. If your room becomes untenable, you may be forced to make for the nearest exit. Keep low to the floor to avoid breathing in the smoke.
- 5. Keep cool. Have an escape plan and adapt it to the emergency. You will thus increase your chance of survival. Your life and possibly the lives of others depends upon your actions or inaction.





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Mrs. Chris Schweitzer Le Chapeau National

Hotel Utah Salt Lake City, Utah September 5, 6, 7, 1984

## Official Program National Officers



Mrs. James C. Malone La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale

#### Registration

Saturday, September 1, 1984—Headquarters Suite, Salon National 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday, September 3, 1984—Headquarters Suite, Salon National 12:00 to 2:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. 12:00 to 2:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, September 5, 1984—Headquarters Suite, Salon National 12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. On Thursday, September 6th and Friday, September 7th at the entrance of the session hall prior to opening of the session.  **Guest Registration will also be accepted during these hours.**			
Wednesday, September 5, 1984			
Pre-Marche Pouvoir			
Pre-Marche Committee Meetings			
Jade RoomPermanent Organization—Chairman, Miss Marilyn Parfitt2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.Children & Youth—Chairman, Mrs. Jean Hayes2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.NJH Liaison, Chairman, Mrs. Jacobe B. Foreman			
President's RoomRituals & Emblems—Chairman, Mrs. Carl L. Flanery2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.Rules & Order—Chairman, Mrs. James Matuska2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.Handbook Review—Chairman, Mrs. James W. Collins3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.			
Pioneer RoomCredentials—Chairman, Mrs. Pauline Morehead2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.Resolutions—Chairman, Mrs. Lee Conlee2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.Constitution & Bylaws—Chairman, Mrs. Kaaha O. Medeiros3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.			
Ballroom IPublicity—Chairman, Mrs. Thornton Hemphill2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.L'Aumonier—Mrs. Albert Ybarra2:45 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.L'Archiviste—Mrs. Herbert P. Robinson3:15 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.			
Junior BallroomNurses Scholarship—Chairman, Mrs. James R. Williams2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.Trophies & Awards—Presiding, Mrs. Lee Trickey2:45 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.Partnership—Chairman, Mrs. Harry Stephens3:15 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.			

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Emblem Sales will be open in the Headquarters Suite beginning Monday, September 3, 1984 through Thursday, September 6, 1984 from 12 noon to 2 P.M. and from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Order forms will be placed in every convention packet for convenience in ordering and will list only those items available at La Marche. For inventory control purposes all orders must be accompanied by completed order form. Forms will also be available at emblem display. Partners must show current 1984 partnership cards in order to purchase items.

#### Rehearsal Les Marchals and Pages

Mrs. Lorren Woodling, La Concierge Nationale, Mrs. Martha Benson, Chairman of Pages, Les Marchals, Distinguished Guest Committee and ALL PAGES will assemble in Grand Ballroom III on Wednesday evening, September 5, 1984 at 9:00 P.M. for rehearsal.

#### Meet the Candidates Reception

#### Thursday, September 6, 1984 Divisional Caucuses—7:00 A.M.

Central DivisionJunior BallroomNorthwestern DivisionGrand Ballroom ISouthern DivisionJade RoomWestern DivisionEmpire RoomEastern DivisionPioneer Room

#### La Marche Nationale Grand Ballroom III

Processional of National Officers and Chapeaux Nationaux Passes ...........Mrs. John H., Bardole, La Marche Chairman Presiding

Call to Order..... Mrs. Chris Schweitzer, Le Chapeau National

Advancement of

Colors . . . . . . . . . Mrs. Lorren Woodling, La Concierge Nationale and Les Marchals, Mrs. Laurette Riddle, Mrs. Patricia Henthorn

Pledge of Allegiance

to the Flag ...... Mrs. Lorren Woodling, La Concierge Nationale

The National Anthem ...... Assembly La Musiciene, Hazel P. Adams

Flanders Field ...... Mrs. Donald P. Still Le Eastern Division Demi Chapeau National

Roll Call ...... Mrs. James C. Malone La Secretaire-Caissiere-Nationale

Reading of Call to 1984 Marche Nationale Report of the Minutes Committee for the 1983 Marche Nationale ..... Mrs. Edwin H. Keefe Mrs. Elmer Martin

Mrs. Sherman Lansdale

Greetings

Mr. Keith Kreul, National Commander, The American Legion

Mrs. Thomas J. Gear, National President, The American Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. Helen Adams Gardner, National Vice President, The American Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. Melvin Junge, National Secretary, The American Legion Auxiliary

Mr. Robert Spanogle, National Adjutant, The American Legion

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Mrs. John H. Bardole, *Chairman*, 1984 La Marche Nationale

Mrs. William Calder, National Convention Chairman, The American Legion Auxiliary

The Honorable Scott Matheson, Governor State of Utah

The Honorable Ted Wilson, Mayor of the city of Salt Lake City

Mr. Byron Lewis, Department Commander, The American Legion, Department of Utah

Mrs. Robert Bickley, Department President, The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Utah

Mrs. Bernard Moriarty, Le Chapeau Departemental de Utah

Mr. William Christofferson, President of 1983 National Convention Corp., The American Legion

Introduction of Chapeaux Nationaux Passes	Response Mrs. Wm. J. Staley, Sr.
Mrs. Harry Kehm	Immediate Chapeau National Passe
Mrs. Walter Davol	Report of Special Marche Committees:
Mrs. Dee P. Davis	Rules and Order Mrs. James Matuska,
Mrs. Valentine Delles	Chairman
Mrs. Ray A. Stratton	Permanent Organization Miss Marilyn Parfitt,
Mrs. Edwin H. Keefe	Chairman
Mrs. James Michelet	Report of Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux
Mrs. Herman Edwards	Nationaux and Introduction of Les
Mrs. William McKinley	Chapeau-Departementaux
Mrs. Premo O. Kelly	Mrs. Donald P. Still Eastern Division
Mrs. James C. Gleason	Mrs. Clarence Kates Central Division
Mrs. James A. DeForce	Mrs. Arthur Shortsleeve Southern Division
Mrs. James W. Collins	Mrs. P.W. Prior Northwestern Division
Mrs. Herman E. Reimink	Mrs. Lorene Berg Western Division
Mrs. Joseph M. Voit	Report of 1983-1984 National Officers
Mrs. Lucien J. Landry	Le Chapeau National Mrs. Chris Schweitzer
Miss Dorothy M. Dolle	Le Demi Chapeau National . Mrs. Joseph Mardu
Mrs. Michael Suvak	La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale Mrs. James C.
Mrs. Lawrence D. Hunt, Sr.	Malone
Mrs. Sherman Lansdale	L'Avocate NationaleMrs. Elmer Martin
Mrs. Charles D. Smith	L'Archiviste Nationale Mrs. Herbert P. Robinson
Miss Julia V. Mullan	La Concierge Nationale Mrs. Lorren Woodling
Mrs. Elmer Martin	The Hat Box EditorMrs. Blanche Mack
Mrs. Ronald Aichholz	
Mrs. Harry Russell	Nomination of National Officers for
Mrs. Wm. J. Staley, Sr.	1984-1985

#### Recess (Lunch) 12:00 NOON

## Second Session of La Marche Nationale Thursday, September 6, 1984—1:30 P.M.

America, The Beautiful	Assembly		
Presentation of Local Marche Committee	Mrs. John H. Bardole, La Marche Chairman		
Report of Standing Committees and Introduction of Regional or Area Chairmen			
Children and Youth	Mrs. Jean Hayes		
National Jewish Hospital Liaison			
Constitution and Bylaws			
Finance			
Nurses Scholarship	Mrs. James R. Williams, Chairman		
Partnership			
Rituals & Emblems			
Trophies & Awards			
Report of Advisory Committee			
Report of Special Committee on Handbook			
Report of National Publicity Chairman	Mrs. Thornton Hemphill, Chairman		
Report of National Photo Book Chairman	Mrs. Robert Willey, Chairman		
Report of National Memory Book Chairman	Mrs. William Anderson, Chairman		

#### Recess

## Third Session of La Marche Nationale Friday, September 7, 1984—9:00 A.M.

In Memoriam	Mrs. Albert Ybarra, L'Aumonier National Presiding
	La Musiciene, Hazel P. Adams
	Le Chapeau National
	Chapeau Nationaux Passes
	Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux Nationaux

Prayer Hymn—"How Great Thou Art" Responsive Psalmody Eulogy in Memory of Mrs. Jerome Allen, Le Chapeu Eulogy in Memory of Mrs. Robert Haws, Le Chapea Tribute to All Deceased Partners Group Psalmody "The Lord's Prayer" Roll Call of Departed Partners	Sung by All Mrs. Nan Genta National Passe Chapeau National Passe Nu National Passe Mrs. Charles D. Smith Chapeau National Passe Mrs. Chris Schweitzer Le Chapeau National In Unison In Unison
Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux Nationaux Eastern Division Central Division Northwestern Division Southern Division Western Division "He'll Understand and Say Well Done"	
Benediction	Aides—MRS. NAN GENTA MRS. JAMES MATUSKA
Report of Special Marche Committees Credentials	Mrs. Helen Modrell, Missouri Mrs. Frances Cortright, New Jersey Mrs. Marie Todd, New Mexico Mrs. Anna Fay Parrott, Oklahoma Mrs. Helen Wood, Oregon Mrs. Amelia Mason, Vermont Mrs. Frances Christy, Virginia Presentation of Personal Pages To Le Chapeau National, Mrs. Ethel Marsh, California, Mrs. Robert Briggs, California To La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale, Mrs. Richard Haskell, Florida Ratificiation of Elections of Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux Nationaux Report of Judge of Elections
Rec	
Post March	ne Pouvoir
Immediately following close of morning session in Grand Ballroom III	Pledge of Allegiance Mrs. Lorren Woodling La Concierge Nationale
School of Instructions Grand Ballroom III 2:30 P.M.	La Concierge Nationale  "God Bless America" Assembly Welcome
La Marche Nationale Banquet Friday, September 7, 1984  Grand Ballroom II	Response
Invocation Mrs. Albert Ybarra L'Aumonier National	Retirement of Colors Adjournment

#### Special Marche Committees

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS Mrs. Harry Russell,

New Mexico, Chairman Mrs. Premo Kelly, Washington Mrs. James C. Gleason,

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Pennsylvania Miss Julia Mullan, Massachusetts

Mrs. Lucien J. Landry, Louisiana

Mrs. Ronald Aichholz, Ohio Mrs. Wm. J. Staley, Sr.

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Mrs. Virginia Powers, Kentucky

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South Dakota, Chairman Mrs. Jean Cook, Kansas Mrs. Vivian Snow, New Hampshire

Resolutions Mrs. Lee Conlee,

California, Chairman Mrs. Wray Cherpital, Kansas Mrs. C.M. Ritenour, West Virginia

Les Marchals Mrs. Laurette Riddle, Michigan

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Minnesota Mrs. Gladys Bassett, Mississippi

Mrs. Helen Modrell, Missouri Mrs. Frances Cortright,

New Jersey Mrs. Marie Todd,

New Mexico Mrs. Roger D. Parrott, Oklahoma Mrs. Melvin H. Wood,

Oregon Miss Amelia Mason,

Vermont Mrs. Frances Christy, Virginia

Personal Pages to Le Chapeau National Mrs. Ethel Marsh, California Mrs. Robert Briggs, California

Personal Page to La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale

Mrs. Richard Haskell, Florida

Judge of Elections Mrs. Betty Cramer, Washington

Le Musiciene Mrs. Hazel P. Adams, California

Coordinator, Candidates Reception

Mrs. Wm. J. Staley, Sr., Virginia

Tellers Mrs. Muriel Pinto, Connecticut Mrs. Richard Haskell, Florida Mrs. William J. Klomann, Arizona Mrs. Carroll B. Fields,

Louisiana

#### 1984 La Marche Nationale Local Committees

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Mrs. Georgina Bardole

Co-Chairman

Mrs. Judy Lewis

Secretaire-Caissiere Mrs. Wanda North

**Banquet Chairman** Mrs. Dora Trowbridge

Decorations Chairman—Head Table

Mrs. Marrianne Jensen

Meeting Hall Decorations Chairman

Mrs. Marrianne Jensen

Guest Table Chairman-**Hostess & Decorations** Mrs. Betty Llewelyn

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**Banquet Reservations** Mrs. Wanda North

**Banquet Printed Program** Mrs. Georgina Bardole Mrs. Wanda North

**Publicity** 

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Mrs. Donna Nielson

Entertainment

Mrs. Georgina Bardole

Registration Mrs. Viola Christensen

Hospitality Mrs. Ruth Stromness

Information Mrs. Dorothy Willey

Lost and Found Mrs. Mary Pelly

Displays Mrs. Mona Hall

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Mrs. Carolyn Madsen

Aides to Demi Chapeau National

> Mrs. Lily Wimmer Mrs. Mary Vigor

Aides to L'Aumonier National

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Coordinator Divisional **Breakfasts** Mrs. Joyce Loveland

**Eastern Division** Mrs. Leona Lav

Southern Division Mrs. Verna Gunderson

Western Division Mrs. Hazel Ransom

Central Division Mrs. Arvilla Chase

Northwestern Division Mrs. Maxine Coates

Local Installation Coordinators

Mrs. Frances Funk Mrs. Vivian Ault

Pages for Banquet Mrs. Wanda Holtby Mrs. Emma Lou Weir

Les Musicienes Mrs. Georgina Bardole

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## The Sons of The American Legion







Joseph A. Paviglianti National Adjutant

#### National Vice Commander ......H. Thomas O'Neil (NH) National Vice Commander .....Byron J. Robichaux (LA) National Vice Commander National Vice Commander National Vice Commander National Assistant Adjutants .....Thomas Timcoe (MA) David Bourland National Chaplain ...... Douglas P. Bible (MN) National Historian ...... Thomas J. Ward (NJ) National Judge Advocate ..... Richard J. Kepler (TN) National Sergeant-at-Arms National Commander's Aide

#### Past National Commanders

1968	Michael Seaton (CA)
	Robert McBride (OH)
	J. R. Stillwell (IL)
1971	J. R. Stillwell (IL)
1972	John Smolinsky (MA)
1973	Robert Faust (CA)
1974	James Hartman (MD)
1975	Gregory Reis (IL)
1976	Grant Jamieson (MI)
	Charles Gannon (MD)
	John M. Sherrard (CA)
1979	Richard Kepler (TN)
1980	Ernest Wilson (NJ)
1981	Donald Willson (PA)
1982	David P. Stephens (IN)
1983	Christopher R. Cerullo (NY)

## Agenda 13th Annual National Convention Salt Lake City, Utah

Sessions: All sessions, including those of the National Executive Committee, will be conducted in the Grand Ballroom, Salon E, 1st Floor, Marriott Hotel.

Registration: National Convention Delegate and Alternate registration will be conducted in the Grand Ballroom, Salon E. 1st Floor, Marriott Hotel.

Friday, August 31, 1984 1:00 p.m. Registration of National Convention Delegate and Alternate Begins

7:00 p.m.N.E.C. Meeting (Pre-Convention Meeting)
Call to Order—Fred Hartline (OH), National Commander
Hand Salute to Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation—Douglas P. Bible (MN),
National Chaplain
Preamble to the Constitution of the S.A.L.
Roll Call—Joseph A. Paviglianti (NY),
National Adjutant
Other Opening Business
Reports of National Officers
Reports of National Committees:
Children and Youth

Commander's Advisory
Commander's Project
Committee to Investigate a Paid
Employee
Convention Committee
Insurance Committee
Membership Committee
SAL Color Guard
Salutations

Reports of National Commissions:

Americanism
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Legislative
Public Relations
Rehabilitation
Unfinished Business

New Business Good of the S.A.L. Benediction-Douglas P. Bible (MN), National Chaplain Adjournment-Fred Hartline (OH), National Commander Saturday, September 1, 1984

8:00 a.m. Delegate and Alternate Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. 13th Annual National Convention

Call to Order Salute to Colors Pledge of Allegiance Invocation—Douglas P. Bible (MN), National Chaplain Preamble to the Constitution of the S.A.L. Roll Call-Joseph A. Paviglianti (NY), National Adjutant Reading of Convention Call-Joseph A. Paviglianti (NY), National Adjutant Opening Remarks-Fred Hartline (OH), National Commander Establishment of Convention Committees Report of Credentials Committee Report of Legislative and Rules Committee

Section 1, Rules Report Salute to Colors

Recess

1:00 p.m. Call to Order-Fred Hartline (OH), National Commander

Salute to Colors

Roll Call-Joseph A. Paviglianti (NY), National Adjutant

Note: During the Convention sessions, various addresses will be given

Reports of National Officers:

H. Thomas O'Neil, National Vice Commander

Byron J. Robichaux, National Vice Commander

Christopher M. Alderman, National Vice Commander

Harold E. Thompson, Jr., National Vice Commander

Carl S. Weed, National Vice Commander

Reports of National Convention Committees:

Credentials—Preliminary Report

Americanism

Constitutional Amendments

Finance

Internal Affairs

Legislative and Rules-Section II,

Legislative Membership Rehabilitation Presentation of National History Contest Awards—Thomas J. Ward (NJ) National Historian Report of Credentials Committee-Final Report for 1st Session Salute to Colors Recess Area Caucuses

5:30 p.m. Past Detachment Commanders' Dinner

Sunday, September 2, 1984 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens 9:00 a.m. Registration Closes

Call to Order—Fred Hartline (OH), National Commander

Salute to Colors Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation—Douglas P. Bible (MN),

National Chaplain

Roll Call—Joseph A. Paviglianti (NY),

National Adjutant

National Convention Memorial Service—Conducted by Douglas P. Bible

Report of Credentials Committee—Final Report

Presentations to National Commander

Unfinished Business

New Business

For the Good of the S.A.L.

Special Order of Business-Election of

National Officers

National Commander

National Vice Commanders (5) National Chaplain

Benediction

Retirement of Colors Final Adjournment

N.E.C. Meeting—Post-Convention (following conclusion of National Convention) Call to Order-Newly Elected National

Commander Salute to Colors

Invocation-Newly Elected National Chaplain

Roll Call—National Adjutant

Confirmation of Appointed National Officers—National Commander nominates and N.E.C. approves

Appointment of Special N.E.C.

Committees New Business

Unfinished Business

Benediction-Newly Elected National Chaplain

Adjournment

Monday, September 3, 1984

3:30 p.m. American Legion National Convention Parade

## PRIDE-IT'S THE MEDAL YOU WEAR INSIDE

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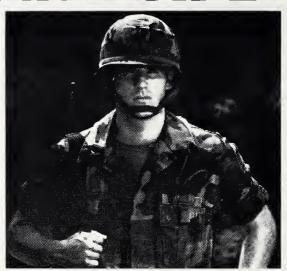
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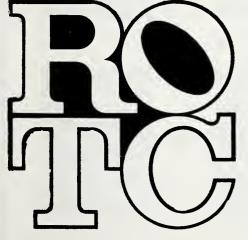
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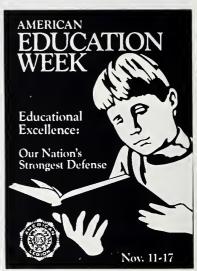
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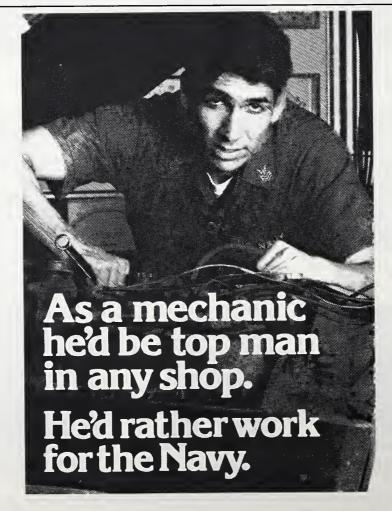
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At the U.S. Military Academy, Cadet John R. Rowe of Old Fields, W. Va., received The American Legion Award for outstanding achievement in chemistry. The award was presented by National Vice Commander Charles R. Green of Ohio.



National Vice Commander J. Leslie Brown, Jr., of Kentucky, presents The American Legion Award to Cadet John T. Hardin of New Castle, Del., for excellence in athletics at the Coast Guard Academy.



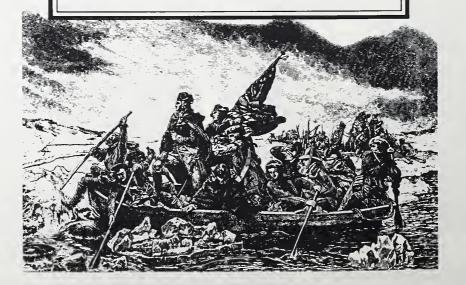
Graduating Midshipman Maarten Vermaat of Beloit, Wis., who stood highest at the Naval Academy in political science courses with emphasis on international relations, receives The American Legion Award from National Vice Commander Robert W. Groccia of Massachusetts.

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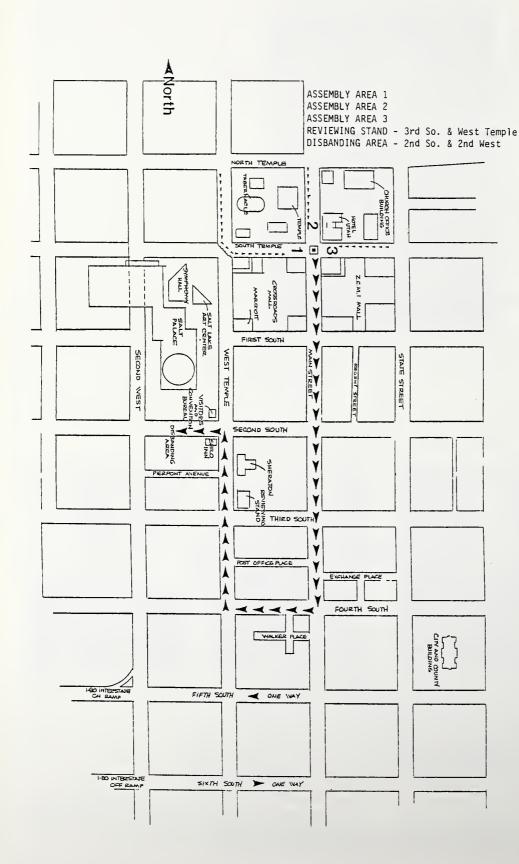


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The American Legion National Convention Corporation of Utah and The American Legion expresses thanks and appreciation to Major General Marc C. Reynolds, Grand Marshal, the Parade Deputy

Grand Marshals, the DOD Coordinator and the Project Officers for their cooperation and contributions towards the success of the 66th Annual National Convention of The American Legion.

# Parade Information The American Legion 66th National Convention Salt Lake City, Utah



Date:

Monday, September 3, 1984

Time:

3:30 P.M.

Formation Area: See Attached Map

Route:

South on Main Street from South Temple to 400 South, west on 400 South to West Temple, north on West Temple to 200 South, west on 200 South to 200 West to disbanding area on west side of the Salt Palace.

Reviewing Stand:

On West Temple in front of Valley Bank & Trust Company (west side of bank building from north corner to south corner of building).

# Parade Order

# The American Legion National Convention Parade

Monday, September 3, 1984 3:30 P.M.

#### **Grand Marshal**

Major General Marc C. Reynolds, USAF Commander Ogden Air Logistics Center Hill Air Force Base, Utah 84056

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### Parade Chairman

H. Craig Carter Pool Showroom & Office 320 East 2nd South Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

# Parade Order

The official parade of the 66th National Convention of The American Legion will be governed by instructions contained herein, together with the Organization and March Timetable and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map, which are made a part hereof.

1. Time: (All times in these orders are Mountain Daylight Time.)

(a) The leading element of the parade will move from the "Initial Point", (corner of Main at South Temple) promptly at 3:30 P.M., Monday,

September 3, 1984, regardless of weather.

(b) The time and place of assembly for each Department or element of the Parade will be shown in detail on the Organization and March Timetable, a copy of which has been sent to each Department Adjutant and to the Department Parade Chairman. A meeting of all Department Parade Chairmen will be held at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, September 2, 1984, in Grand Ballroom C, Salt Lake Sheraton Hotel.

(c) A liaison man (PAL) has been assigned to each Department by the Parade Chairman. This liaison man will contact each Department well in advance of the parade and offer every assistance.

- (d) A Parade Official will meet his assigned division at the assembly area following unloading. He will, with the assistance of the liaison man who has been assigned to the Department, direct buses toward the route to the disbanding area.
- (e) Because of the nature of the assembly area, accurate logistics are essential. Promptness in Arrival at the Assembly Area is Mandatory.
- 2. Route: On Main Street south from South Temple to 4th South, west to West Temple, north to 2nd South, west to the disbanding area on the west side of the Salt Palace.

3. Assembly Area:

(a) Assembly Area—(See attached map)

Assembly Area #1—On South Temple west of Main Street Assembly Area #2—On South Temple east of Main Street Assembly Area #3—On Main Street north of South Temple

- (b) Additional instructions for each Department will be furnished by the Parade Committee at the meeting of the Department Parade Chairmen on Sunday, September 2.
- (c) Signs carrying Department name will designate the head of each Department assembly point.

(d) Float assembly area will be announced.

4. Organization

(a) All elements have been assigned to Divisions, each under the direction of a parade official. The composition of these Divisions, order of march and time and place of assembly is shown on the Organization and March Timetable and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map supplied to the Department Parade Chairmen.

(b) All Department of Defense Units will be governed by applicable regulations.

(c) Each Department Commander or appointed parade representative will be responsible for the order of march and promptness of arrival at the assembly area of all units of his Department. All units will conform to the following distribution and formation:

(1) Massed Colors: Eight (8) abreast

All American Flags, the Department and Post Colors of each Department and the Department and Unit Colors of each Department of the Auxiliary will be massed at the head of each Department Delegation in that order.

(2) American Legion units within Departments will march in formation eight (8) abreast, one and one-half yards between ranks.

(3) BANDS AND DRUM CORPS: As directed by Drum Majors, but not to exceed eight (8) abreast.

(4) Authorized floats and automobiles in single column. No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be allowed to participate. All vehicles participating in the parade must be equipped with identifying signs on sides thereof, and must also carry an "Official Car" sticker on the windshield.

(5) No maneuvers except for a forward movement—This is a must. All violators will be dismissed from the parade immediately.

(d) DISTANCES:

 (2) Between Departments
 20 yards

 (3) Between elements of a Department
 10 yards

5. Disbanding Area:

The Disbanding Area is on 2nd West behind the Salt Palace.

6. Official Reviewing Stand:

The official reviewing stand will be located on the east side of West Temple in front of Valley Bank & Trust Company (west side of the bank building from north corner to south corner of building.)

Elements will render a salute to the National Commander while passing the reviewing stand (eyes right).

7. Eligibility to Participate in the Parade and Conduct of Participants:

- (a) Pursuant to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Convention Commission at Miami Beach on March 12, 1960, there will be no participation of any vehicles, equipment or items of wearing apparel of the 40 et 8. This regulation will be enforced by the Parade Committee of the 1984 Convention Corporation.
- (b) With exception of police, military and naval escort, and distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the parade is limited to the members of The American Legion and the uniformed bodies of The American Legion Auxiliary, subject to restriction of the following activities which shall be prohibited in the line of march:
  - (1) The drinking of or simulated drinking of intoxicants.
  - (2) Participants under the influence of intoxicants. (3) Use of water pistols and electric shocking devices.

(4) Female impersonators.

(5) Firecrackers and any other explosives.

- (6) Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste.
- (7) Distribution of souvenirs, promotional or advertising material, either from floats or by marching units.
- (c) Violators of any of the above rules will be dismissed from the parade immediately.

8. First Aid Stations:

First Aid Stations will be established in the assembly area, at intervals along the line of march and at the disbanding area.

9. Parking of Chartered or Post Buses:

After unloading at the assigned assembly area, buses will proceed to the assigned disbanding area. The liaison official (PAL) will meet his assigned delegation at the disbanding area and will conduct it to its parked bus or buses. (Personal belongings and all equipment must be removed from the buses when unloading at the assembly area.)

#### March Order

Escort Division-Assemble at Area #2-Assemble at 2:30 P.M.

#### Departure at 3:30 P.M.

- A. Escort—Salt Lake City Police Motorcycle Squad
- B. Grand Marshal
- C. Honorary Grand Marshal
- D. Deputy Grand Marshals
- DOD Coordinator
- F. United States Air Force
- G. United States Air Force Academy Band H. United States Army
- I. United States Navy
- J. United States Coast Guard
- K. National Guard
- L. United States Army Reserve
- M. United States Naval Reserve
- I Division—Assemble at 2:30 P.M.
  - 1. American Legion Kansas City District 5 Band, Kansas City, Missouri
- 2. National Colors and 1983 National Championship Color Guard-Highlanders Color Guard, Louisville, Kentucky
- 3. National Commander, The American Legion
- 4. National Officers, The American Legion
- 5. Logan High School Band
- 6. National President, The American Legion Auxiliary
- 7. National Secretary, The American Legion Auxiliary
- 8. Past National Commanders
- 9. Society of The American Legion Founders
- 10. Alta High School Marching Band
- 11. The American Legion Youth Awards Winners
- 12. Sons of The American Legion
- 11. The American Legion 1983 National Championship Junior Color Guard (Debutante Junior Girls Color Guard).
- 12. The American National Red Cross
- 13. Seagram Posts Entry
- 14. Payson High School Scottish Band
- 15. Foreign and Outlying Departments
  - Canada
  - Puerto Rico
  - Italy
  - France
  - Panama Canal
  - Mexico
- Philippines 16. Bountiful High School Band
- 17. Alaska
- II Division—Assemble at Area #3—Assemble at 2:30 P.M.
- 18. Vermont
- 19. Florida
- 20. Nevada
- 21. Jordan High School Band
- 22. Arizona23. Wisconsin
- 24. Maryland
- 25. New Mexico
- 26. Kearns High School Cougar Band
- III Division—Assemble at Area #1—Assemble at 2:30 P.M.
- 27. New Hampshire
- 28. Virginia
- 29. Montana

- 30. Nebraska

- 31. West Jordan High School Jaguar Marching Band
- 32. Maine
- 33. Ohio
- 34. Minnesota
- 35. Brighton High School Band
- IV Division—Assemble at Area #2—Assemble at 3:00 P.M.
- 36. West Virginia
- 37. California
- 38. South Dakota
- 39. Bingham High School Marching Band
- 40. Idaho
- 41. Pennsylvania
- 42. Connecticut
- 43. Box Elder High School Band
- 44. Indiana
- V Division—Assemble at Area #3—Assemble at 3:00 P.M.
- 45. Missouri
- 46. American Legion Kansas City District 5 Band
- 47. New Jersey
- 48. North Dakota
- 49. Williston, North Dakota American Legion Drum & Bugle Corps
- 50. Iowa
- 51. Illinois
- 52. Layton High School Lancer Band
- 53. Michigan
- 54. Massachusetts
- VI Division-Assemble at Area #1-Assemble at 4:00 P.M.
- 55. Juab High School Marching Band
- 56. South Carolina
- 57. New York
- 58. Oregon
- 59. Springville High School Red Devil Marching Band
- 60. Colorado
- 61. Hawaii
- 62. Kansas
- 63. Texas
- 64. Provo High School Band
- VII Division—Assemble at Area #2—Assemble at 4:00 P.M.
- 65. Rhode Island
- 66. Mississippi
- 67. Delaware
- 68. Tooele Junior High School Band
- 69. Louisiana
- 70. Arkansas
- 71. North Carolina
- 72. Wyoming
- 73. Wasatch High School Band
- VIII Division—Assemble at Area #3—Assemble at 4:00 P.M.
- 74. Georgia
- 75. Kentucky
- 76. District of Columbia
- 77. American Fork High School Band
- 78. Washington
- 79. Alabama
- 80. Tennessee 81. Oklahoma
- IX Division—Assemble at Area #1—Assemble at 4:40 P.M.
- 82. Tooele High School Band
- 83. Utah

# **Annual Report**

Covers Period Ending June 1,1984

HE FINAL PAGES of this official program of the 66th Annual National Convention of The American Legion contain a condensed annual report for the American Legion 1983 year. A complete, detailed report has been prepared for submission to the Congress of the United States in accordance with requirements of the Legion's Congressionally-granted charter.

Believing that the delegates to the National Convention are entitled to receive a concise statement of the major activities of The American Legion year ending with this National Convention, your national headquarters provides this illustrated report as a part of the official program. In this manner, we are assured that every delegate and every one who registers for the convention will receive the condensed annual report.

The American Legion 66th Annual Report

A full, detailed report has been submitted to the Congress of the United States in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 249, 77th Congress. Approved September 18, 1941

NE OF THE MOST important legacies left to us by the founders of The American Legion is our flexibility, as an organization, to deal effectively with a variety of issues simultneously. Because of that legacy, we are able to respond to contemporary situations which affect the very heart of America.

During the past 12 months under the leadership of National Commander Keith Kreul, The American Legion's involvement in the issues has carried us to the forefront of deliberations affecting our national security, foreign relations and a multitude of

domestic programs affecting veterans, their families and their communities.

Commander Kreul's willingness and ability to tackle complex and momentous problems consistently placed The American Legion in a position of national leadership as the well-respected voice of those who put their lives on the line to defend this nation.

Since our last convention, we have seen events which have left indelible marks on our society. Throughout the year The American Legion led the movement to build a national consensus in favor of a comprehensive and long-term plan of aid for the Caribbean Basin. Commander Kreul testified before the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America and visited El Salvador, while Past National Commander Al Keller, Jr. was an official U.S. observer of the elections there.

A short year and a half since the dedication of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., an unidentified Vietnam War serviceman has been placed alongside the national heroes of previous wars at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington

National Cemetery, ending another chapter in the Vietnam War.

Commander Kreul visited Thailand during his Far East tour for an update on the POW/MIA situation. Shortly thereafter, government-to-government talks to resolve a remaining open chapter of the Vietnam War were initiated and attempts to account for all POW/MIAs are continuing.

Less than two months after the close of this convention, preliminary results of the Columbia University-American Legion Study of Vietnam Era Veterans will be released, providing veterans and the scientific community with more information

about the physical and mental effects of service in Southeast Asia.

This year we also observed the 40th anniversaries of the D—Day invasion on the beaches of Normandy and the birth of the G.I. Bill of Rights, while in smaller, less conspicuous observances, veterans of other battles remembered their service in the final years of World War II.

Membership strength of The American Legion and its commitment and ability to be involved in service for God and Country rests on four distinct generations of Americans. This great strength comes from veterans of World War I, II, Korea and Vietnam. Each generation is involved in believing in America and its future.

The full picture of the Legion year will unfold as you read through the pages of this book. It has been a year of leadership, accomplishment and growth, steeped in

preparedness for the future while reaffirming our beliefs.

As we enter another Legion year after this convention concludes, America and her veterans will know that The American Legion will not allow itself to be overcome by events, nor will it hesitate to get involved with every issue critical to America.

ROBERT W. SPANOGLE
NATIONAL ADJUTANT

# The National Executive Committee

Between National Conventions, the administrative authority of The American Legion is exercised by the National Executive Committee composed of the National Commander, the five National Vice Commanders, National Chaplain, and one committeeman (plus alternate) elected by each department. Past National Commanders are life members of the NEC without vote. The NEC appoints the National Adjutant, Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms. The NEC also has full and complete control over the annual budget.

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HEN NATIONAL COMMANDER Keith Kreul gavels the 66th National Convention to order in Salt Lake City, the order of the day for The American Legion will be to adopt one more chapter of mandates which will meet the challenges of service to God and Country.

Founded in the tumultuous aftermath of World War I, The American Legion's purpose has not changed in 65 years. Dedicated to serve all generations of this nation's war veterans, their families and their communities, the direction of The American Legion since those principles were established in 1919 has been purposeful and productive.

Augmented by veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, The America Legion has provided stability, leadership and a common resource for American society through periods of change and growth in America through two thirds of the Twentieth Century.

Unswerving in its commitment to preserve America's heritage, The American Legion has left indelible marks of high accomplishment for the nation through legislative action, volunteer service and thoughtful planning for the nation's well-being.

In order for The American Legion to accomplish its objectives, two offices are maintained. National Headquarters is in Indianapolis, IN. Major national offices also are located in Washington, D.C.

The organization's chief executive officer is the National Commander, elected by delegates to the National Convention. Other national officers chosen by National Convention action are the five National Vice Commanders.

Keith Kreul, of Fennimore, WI, is the 1983-1984 National Commander of The American Legion, Major accomplishments of The American Legion during his term of office are presented in the following pages of this program and condensed annual report.

Robert W. Spanogle of Michigan, the National Adjutant, is the chief administrative officer of The American Legion. The National Adjutant, the National Judge Advocate, the National Chaplain, the National Treasurer, the National Historian and the National Sergeant-at-Arms comprise the appointed National officers of The American Legion.

# National Commander Kreul Shows Ho



Newly elected National Commander Kreul and wife, Dolores, are warmly greeted by Wisconsin Legionnaires and other dignitaries at the Commander's homecoming in Fennimore, Wis., Oct. 7-9, 1983.



American Legion Auxiliary President Anna Gear was among many dignitaries at a reception hosted by National Commander Kreul in Indianapolis Nov. 14, 1983.



National Commander Keith Kreul visited wounded servicemen from the Grenada rescue operation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 31, 1983, among whom was Warrant Officer Dan Kuchenberg, a helicopter pilot from Appleton, Wis.



Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. John W. Vessey, Jr., thanked Commander Kreul for American Legion efforts to send messages of support to American servicemen and women around the globe in the wake of the terrorist bombing of U.S. Marines and sailors in Beirut and the rescue operation on the Caribbean island of Grenada. "Peacekeeper Greetings" netted thousands of cards and letters from Americans that were forwarded to units around the world by Vessey's office.

# merican Legion 'Helps America Work!'



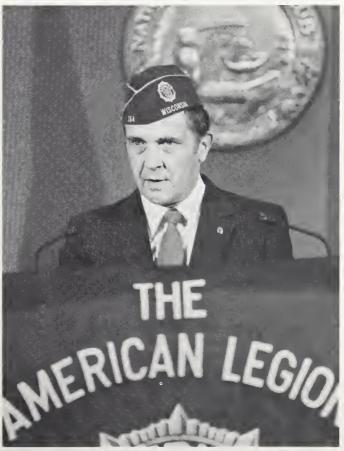
President Reagan received a book of current American Legion mandates from National Commander Kreul during a visit to the White House on December 22, 1983.



National Commander Kreul and representatives of other veterans organizations attended the entombment of an unknown Vietnam veteran in Arlington National Cemetery May 28, 1984. An honor contingent of 10 Vietnam veteran Legionnaries also participated in the ceremony.



Among his many activities in Washington, D.C., Commander Kreul testified before the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees September 20, 1983.



Commander Kreul emphasis the position of The American Legion concerning Central America in an address to the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on March 26, 1984.

# **Americanism** Commission

Dale L. Renaud (IA) Chairman K. Michael Ayers (IN) Director



Dale L. Renaud

POST-LEVEL, community - oriented programs are the lifeblood of The American Legion.

Youth activities that promote good citizenship, healthy minds and bodies are effectively carried out by Legionnaire and Auxiliary volunteers nationwide. Your National Americanism Commission is tasked with the development and

promotion of these activities, implementation of which is so very vital to the well-being of our youngsters and,

ultimately, to the future of this Nation.

Included in this report are summations of major programs of the Americanism Commission, programs of which you can be justly proud. Boys/Girls State, Boys/Girls Nation, American Legion Baseball, the National High School Oratorical Contest and Career Education are just a few that continue to provide high visibility and a very positive image for the Legion both locally and nationally.

The Americanism Commission continues to devote great attention to matters of Federal legislation that affect our democratic way of life. Current mandates of the Organization that are of paramount interest to the Commission regard the effectiveness of intelligence agencies; problems of illegal aliens; acts of terrorism and subversion; school prayer and restoration of patriotic holidays to the proper, traditional dates.

Your National Americanism Commission also has the responsibility for supervision and coordination of two National Standing Committees—the National Committee on Education and the Counter-Subversive

Activities Committee.

#### Boys State/Boys Nation

Over 28,000 high school students selected during their junior year participated in Boys State, representing a natiowide program of orientation in the operation of city, county and state government. Fifty American Legion Departments conducted a Boys State program in 1984, culminating in the selection of two Boy Staters from each being honored to attend the national Boys Nation program.

The American Legion Boys Nation program, a detailed study of the function of the Federal Government, was conducted at American University, Washington, D.C., July 20-28.

Enthusiasm and an overwhelming sense of patriotism and devotion to our country are characteristic of Boys Nation delegates. Senators pictured here are affirming, "America is Number 1."

At Boys Nation, delegates visit federal agencies and receive briefings on the function of the departments, following which they themselves conduct hearings, act on bills in session and culminate their activities with an election of a Boys Nation President and Vice President.

Boys Nation serves as a unique governmental training program for the delegates and motivates their interest and concern in the Federal Government process.

The highlight of the week-long activities, the pinnacle of Boys Nation, is a visit to the White House and a greeting to all the young Senators from the President of the United States.



Split into mythical parties, Nationalist and Federalist, each elect party officials to include candidates for the office of Boys Nation President and Vice President. Here the Federalist Party Convention listens as party "hopefuls" make their campaign speeches.

#### Oratorical

The Forty-Seventh Annual National High School Oratorical Finals were conducted Friday, April 13, 1984, at Lansing Community College in Lansing, Michigan. Fifty-one Departments of The American Legion participated in the Oratorical Program. The four national finalists were:

First Place — Arthur A. Jordan Pittsburgh, PA \$16,000 Scholarship

Second Place — Nancy Ann Rocke Muskego, WI

\$14,000 Scholarship

Third Place — Amy Susan Garwood Lincoln, NE

Fourth Place — \$10,000 Scholarship

Dale Allen Carpenter

Corpus Christi, TX \$8,000 Scholarship

The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to Sectional Contestants who do not advance to the National Finals, for a total of \$109,000 in scholarships awarded annually to recipients at the National level. To date, over \$1,000,000 in scholarship awards has been provided from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund. Additionally, scholarships are awarded at the Post, District and Department levels.

In 1985, the National Oratorical Contest Finals will

be held in Des Moines, Iowa.

#### Scouting USA

The American Legion's interest and support of Scouting is illustrated by the selection of Shawn Terry Farris, a 17-year-old senior from Thermopolis, Wyoming, as The American Legion's 1984 Scout of the Year. He was sponsored by Walter Haynes Post #18 of Thermopolis.

An \$8,000 scholarship, payable in increments of \$2,000 annually, is provided to the Scout of the Year by The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund.

#### **Baseball**

American Legion Baseball is culminating its 59th season of nationwide competition as this National Convention convenes. Eight regional champions, from among nearly 4,000 teams fielded by American Legion Posts and other outside sponsors, have been determined throughout the country this week and are competing for the national championship at New Orleans, Louisiana, August 30-September 3.

Approximately 52% of all major league baseball players this season gained training and experience in the Legion program before they signed their first professional contract. More and more participants are realizing college educations as a result of scholarships granted following exposure to this athletic activity first established by The American Legion in 1925.

#### Flag Education

The National Americanism Commission continues its program of Flag Education through publications such as "Know Your America" and, "Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette."

The American Legion, which has been a recognized authority on Flag Etiquette for over sixty years, has attempted to set the record straight for all citizens



Thousands of participants annually enjoy stimulating competition throughout the country in the American Legion Baseball program.

when it comes to the display and use of the American Flag.

The office of the National Americanism Commission receives innumerable and varied inquiries regarding proper respect for our Flag and continues to promote Flag Education programs for elementary school students.

#### **Education Activities**

American Education Week, co-sponsored by the American Legion since 1921, will be observed November 11-17, 1984. The theme, "Educational Excellence—Our Nation's Strongest Defense" emphasizes the role The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary can and should play in promoting educational excellence in each community. By encouraging courses for our young people designed to prepare them for the world of work and responsible citizenship, the country is strengthened and our future will be secured.

Participation in the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the American Personnel and Guidance Association's National Convention this past spring reaffirmed that our financial source book, "Need a Lift?" is serving an important role for young people. High school counselors nationwide look to "Need A Lift?" as a basic tool in their work with young people. "A Guide for Parents and Students" and other publications continue to be in demand by individuals as well as by Posts and Units.

Along with American Education Week promotion and financial aids assistance, we will continue our emphasis on citizenship education. Above all, our dedication to practicing good citizenship as an example should be forever continued. The American Legion's increased involvement in Career Education is the latest in a long line of school activities of which members of this Organization are a part. Career Education is simply teaching school-age children about the world of work. New and exotic curricula are



Need-A-Lift?, the Legion's financial aids handbook lists more than two billion dollars worth of educational opportunities in the form of careers, loans, scholarships and employment information that can be used by all of our nation's students.

not necessary since teachers use many sources to show how the course subject relates to the world of work. American Legion involvement is described in much more detail in the Post Auxiliary Community Together (PACT) booklet recently revised and available from Departments.

#### Service to God and Country

"Service to God and Country" is basic Americanism. This program is designed to help prevent the spiritual decay of America and to charge our citizens with a spirit of positive Americanism, respect for law, reverence for authority and an awareness of our human rights and freedoms.

The first of this dual objective is service to God through regular public worship, daily family prayer and the religious education of children. Legionnaires are called upon to make parents more aware of their responsibility to instill in their children the belief that God is the source of all rights and privileges.

The second objective is to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation by preparing young Americans to take up tomorrow's responsibilities. It is achieved by teaching them moral and spiritual values, renewed interest in our country's history, self-discipline, self-reliance, thrift and ideals of loyalty, honesty and physical fitness.

The program is coordinated by the Post Chaplain through the cooperation of local clergy and other public service and civic organizations which hold with the principles of The American Legion's "Service to God and Country" program.

#### "Get Out The Vote"

Since it's inception, The American Legion has been concerned with reminding members of their responsibility to register to vote. In more recent years, this concern has broadened to include all members of the electorate. Generally, this effort has been directed

at only the Presidential election; however, it is becoming quite clear that an effort should be made to increase voter registration and turnout for all elections, including those for local, state and national offices.

To enhance this effort, The Americanism Commission has produced a brochure entitled, "Get Out The Vote." This brochure contains ideas and suggestions for Posts and Units in implementing a community effort to register eligible citizens for the purpose of voting on election day. The Commission urges all Posts to actively work to increase voter turnout at the polls with the idea that good government is the direct result of citizens exercising their responsibility by casting their vote on election day.

### Committee on Education

#### Dr. W. F. Haynie (TX) Chairman

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has continuously advocated greater program activity in the area of education. A Joint Committee was formed with the National Education Association which brought about the first American Education Week Observance in 1921. This Committee met annually to discuss educational issues and plans for each succeeding American Education Week Observance.

In 1975 the National Education Association, by action of its membership, dissolved all committees involved with outside organizations thus ending nearly 55 years of a cooperative effort in establishing National emphasis and input to the Nation's educational system. For that reason, the National Commander appointed a Special Ad Hoc Committee to review and redefine the Education Program of The American Legion and make their recommendations through the Americanism Commission.

### Counter-Subversive Activities Committee

### F. Rodney Loper (PA) Chairman

The Counter-Subversive Activities Committee, since its establishment by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion on November 17, 1950 continues to monitor the activities of individuals and organizations whose goals are the overthrow of our present form of government.

The Committee has had many concerns during the past year. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has suffered a major set-back in attempting to use videotaping as a means of gathering evidence to indict four members of the Puerto Rican nationalist terrorist group - F.A.L.N. Earlier, the Bureau had won permission for the surveillance of the group's hideout by demonstrating "probable cause" in the belief that crimes were being planned there. It based its argument on information from a convicted member of the group who turned informer. However, the night

before the four were to go to trial on bomb plot charges, a Federal District Court judge banned the videotapes as "unreasonable search and seizure" by saying, "The home is a sacred place." The government is appealing his decision but it has legal authorities questioning whether society can be protected from terrorists skilled at outwitting wiretaps because as a former prosecutor said... "These people don't always talk about what they are doing - they just do it. If you can't videotape them, you deprive the law of an absolutely essential tool, and if the judge's ruling is upheld, terrorism will get worse in the United States.

In an effort to protect the high technology of the U.S., new regulations from the State Department have called for the ouster of all Soviet journalists and diplomats from California's Silicon Valley. Other major cities to follow the Valley's lead are: Dallas, Houston, Denver, Minneapolis - St. Paul and Seattle by declaring their city limits are off-limits to the U.S.S.R.

Firing Line, the publication of the Counter-Subbversive Activities Committee, continues to be the vehicle in which news of subversive activities is reported. A special subscription drive held in the Fall of 1983 added many new subscribers to the rolls. Due to the success of last year's campaign, another drive will take place this Fall.

# Children & Youth Commission

Eugene V. Lindquist (MN) Chairman K. Michael Ayers (IN) Director



Eugene V. Lindquist

HE AMERICAN LE-GION looks on the children of this nation with a great feeling of pride and a sincere sense of responsibility. In the early 1920's, we worked hard and long to improve conditions for not only the veteran's child but all children. We have addressed many issues while we have been instrumental in effecting necessary programs to

benefit our youngest generation. Our National Commission on Children & Youth has always taken the "whole child" approach. We are deeply concerned for their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being. To accomplish these goals, we have established a keen interest in four major

1.) Economic Security is primarily the parents' responsibility, but when the family cannot provide it, then public programs should be prompt and adequate

in rendering assistance.

2.) Health Services and health education should be available in sufficient quantity and quality to assure all children of the maximum opportunity for development.

3.) Social and Protective Services — We advocate a broad range of social services to deal with the problems affecting family life. Prompt protective services should be available for children who are

neglected, abused or exploited.

4.) Child Welfare Administration — All services for children-financial, health, social and educational—should be readily accessible, promptly and equitably rendered by competent personnel whether such services are provided from public or private sources.

For over 60 years, The American Legion has held the belief that the future of our country is in the hands of our youth. They are the leaders of tomorrow, and the decisions they will make then will depend on how their values and morals are shaped today. If The American Legion can help by providing programs that will aid in this character building process, we feel our contribution will not be wasted.

Each year, our thousands of volunteers across this country dedicate tens of thousands of hours and dollars to the accomplishment of our annual goals. Today it is impossible to single out every veteran's child. In light of this, we have adopted our perennial theme, "A Square Deal for Every Child." Through programs designed to help all children, we know that the

veteran's child will benefit.

The needs of children vary as much as their sizes and shapes. The best Children & Youth programs are those that reach in all directions to meet those needs. At our annual national Children & Youth Commission meetings, we discuss relevant issues that affect the young people of this nation. What is key to these discussions is the final program and the answer to the ultimate question: "What programs need our attention the most this year?" Such a decision is not easy to come by, but whatever our choice, we vow to do our very best and seek for a productive program.

In the spring of 1983, your National Commission made some important decisions about our future programs. After careful consideration, the following three points were selected for the coming year:

Special Olympics Suicide Prevention Missing Children

#### Special Olympics

Our 1983 year was the best ever. The proudest moment in my life occurred when I witnessed the opening ceremonies of the 1983 International Special Olympics Games in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in July. What a wonderful feeling to watch the athletes march by under their state banners and know that many Legion and Auxiliary volunteers were responsible for a large percentage of those present.

We are very proud of our thousands of volunteers who supported the Special Olympics through local, county and state programs. During the 1983-1984



Winners come in all shapes and sizes. The Special Olympics program is just one way to reach out to the mentally handicapped. We need your help! There are still many special athletes out there just waiting to be discovered. Maybe you can help them succeed, maybe then you'll be a winner.

reporting year, over 1.1 million dollars were expended by our membership in support of this important program.

The next International Games will not be held until 1987. Between now and then, there will be many ways to serve the needs of the retarded. We know that our volunteers will respond to this need through programs of direct assistance and "hands on" volunteer participation.

#### **Suicide Prevention**

In the last 25 years, suicide among teenagers and young adults has grown from an occasional tragic incident into an epidemic killer. According to the statistics, the suicide rate for persons less than 21 has tripled since 1955.

In the past hour, at least one American teenager or young adult has killed himself, and as many as 40 more attempted suicide. In the hour following your reading of this article, more will die or be scarred for life. Tomorrow, hundreds more will be rushed to emergency rooms for repair of slashed wrists or throats, pumping of poisoned stomachs or treatment of deliberate drug overdoses.

The National Commission has developed one of the finest educational brochures on this subject. Our material is relevant and deals with prevention steps that are easy to understand and follow. The key to prevention is being able to recognize the not-so-obvious "warning signs" exhibited by most youth who are thinking about taking their own life.

#### Missing Children

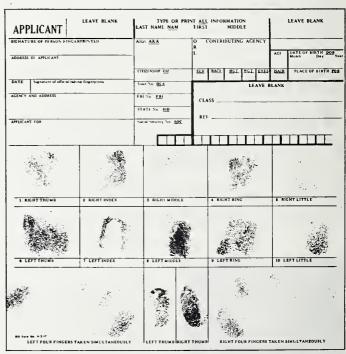
Missing Children is one of the hottest topics in today's news. It frightens us, causes some to be

overprotective and creates in others the need to do all that is possible to prevent such a happening.

The National Commission has developed a brochure that explains this problem and what parents can do to prevent it. Never before in the history of our program has a brochure or program been so popular. The demand for our materials is almost impossible to meet. Schools, community service clubs, Legion and Auxiliary groups, churches and countless others have asked for our help. We have had to give permission to reproduce our materials on several occasions just to meet local demand.

In the year to come, we are stretching our outreach again by offering our very own "fingerprinting kit." This kit will be based on the input of several other national efforts. Frankly, we think ours is one of the best, and we hope every member of our organization will see that complete and updated information is gathered immediately for their children and grandchildren.

Prevention is the key! Our materials stress the need for parents to talk to their children about this problem and how unfortunate situations can be avoided.



The national commission on Children & Youth is stressing the need for fingerprinting programs. Keeping this and other important data about your children in a safe place is a wise choice.

#### Our Annual Report

Every year, the Children & Youth Commission makes a complete report of our annual program to the United States Congress. In the reporting season of June 1, 1982, through May 31, 1983, a grand total of \$24,274,968 was expended for Children & Youth programs at all levels of the organization. This tremendous figure represents the combined efforts of some truly wonderful volunteers. These volunteers represent The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty. It is also interesting to note that this figure was compiled from only 50 percent of the Legion's Posts and just 79

percent of the Auxiliary Units completing and sending in reports. Total expenditures for this program since 1920 now exceed the 475 million dollar mark. It sure would be nice one year if every Post and Unit reported. I wonder what the dollar amount would be?

The American Legion should always be quick to praise the efforts for children and youth by our Auxiliary counterparts. They are dedicated and committed to this program. Without their assistance, the Legion would have great difficulty in reaching our annual goals. I hope that every member of the Auxiliary who reads this article will be assured of how much we appreciate their kind and generous assistance with this vital program.

In closing, may I say that the National Commission on Children & Youth is dedicated to the needs of today's youth. Our programs are relevant and meaningful. With your continued support and participation, our future will be a grand and productive adventure to benefit this nation's children.

# American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

Walton D. Griffin (TN) President Paul R. Frinsthal (IL) Executive Secretary

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was created in 1954 for the following two primary reasons: (1) To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or their programs designed to benefit youth; and (2) To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge already possessed by well-established organizations, to the end that such information can be more adequately used by society.

Every year, the Foundation depends on the generosity of members from the Legion, Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty. These contributions come in the form of memorials, bequests, and regular donations. On a few rare occasions, we have received property, stocks, bonds, and other tangibles. All gifts, of course, are tax deductible. Additional income is acquired from the dividends we receive from long and short

term investments.

On May 6, 1984, the Foundation's Board of Directors met in Indianapolis, Indiana, to consider 34 applications for grants which totaled \$773,798.42. These grant requests came from all parts of the country and represented many excellent programs for this nation's children. During this meeting, grants totaling \$112,465 were awarded to nine voluntary, nonprofit organizations who are actively engaged in helping our youngest generation.

We are grateful for the continued support of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty. The dedication of our combined membership in support of this Foundation has made possible the many excellent grants we have been

privileged to award.

# **Internal Affairs** Commission

James P. Dean (MS) Chairman Raymond C. Patterson (IA) Director

HE INTERNAL AFFAIRS Commission is responsible for policies relating to the internal structure and operation of The American Legion at all levels. In addition, all resolutions and other official matters not falling within the area of assigned duties of other national commissions or committees are handled by the Internal Affairs Commission.



James P. Dean

Four national standing committees are assigned to the commission for "supervision and coordination:" Constitution and By-Laws; Membership and Post Activities; Resolutions Assignment; and Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials. The Internal Affairs Commission is also the supervisory body for the Sons of The American Legion organization, and the commission's full-time staff at National Headquarters in Indianapolis (the Internal Affairs Division) provides staff services for the Contests Supervisory Committee, which itself reports to the National Convention Commission.

#### Membership

A report of the Membership and Post Activities Committee will be found separately in this publication.

#### Constitution and By-Laws

The National Constitution and By-Laws can be amended only by action of a National Convention. However, a Constitution and By-Laws Committee does review and make recommendations on all proposed amendments.

#### Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials

This committee supervises all official national awards (with the exception of those related to uniformed group competition) and recommends to the National Executive Committee recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal, the International Amity Award, and the Canadian Friendship Award.

At the 1984 Spring Meetings the committee approved two nominations for the International Amity Award: Sir Albert Abbot of Australia, and Fernand Wauthier of Belgium.

Eleven nominations were considered at that

meeting for the Canadian Friendship Award. The following nominations were approved: Sally S. Foote (Canada), Don Hamilton (Canada), John Corbett (Canada), Frank Irvine (Canada), Gilbert S. Stevens (Canada), Sidney W. Pink (Canada), John Forsythe (Canada), Alfred Nadeau (Maine), Leopold Michaud (Canada), Yvon L'Italiean (Canada), and Roland Demers (Canada).

#### Resolutions Assignment

The Resolutions Assignment Committee meets only at the annual National Convention. The committee has the responsibility of assigning all resolutions to the appropriate convention committee for report to the convention.

#### Sons of The American Legion

The Sons of The American Legion continued to grow during 1983. Final membership for 1983 totaled 66,058, a 6,481 gain over the 59,577 final count for 1982. SAL National Conventions are held in conjunction with the National Conventions of The American Legion. This year the Sons of the American Legion has concentrated its efforts throughout the nation on rehabilitation programs.

#### **Consolidated Post Reports**

Approximately 45 percent of all American Legion Posts filed a Consolidated Post Report with National Headquarters, detailing important information. Reporting Posts represented approximately 60 percent of the total membership in The American Legion, with assets in excess of \$552,972,000. Some of the figures reported were truly outstanding: cost of athletic teams—\$5.3 million, aid given to benefit children and youth—\$5.3 million, time volunteered for community service—3.2 million hours, cost of uniformed groups—\$1.6 million.

Much of the money raised by American Legion Posts is on a volunteer basis, and programs are rarely supported by the amount of dues collected. This points to one of the great strengths of The American Legion—service work to veterans, children and youth, and communities.

#### Paid-Up-For-Life

The Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Plan is being utilized by many Legionnaires. Since the program's inception in 1975, over 32,000 Legionnaires have paid their dues for life.

#### **Energy Policy of The American Legion**

The Internal Affairs Commission is charged with the primary responsibility for all resolutions concerning energy and environmental concerns. A subcommittee of the Internal Affairs Commission was formed for the purpose of researching all resolutions.

The basic policy of the Energy Subcommittee is one that supports the concept of a national policy to decrease our reliance on foreign fossil fuels and to develop our proven and all new potential domestic resources.

The direction of The American Legion's involvement in the energy program will remain one of concentration on conservation. We will, however, continue to broaden our monitoring of alternative energy sources in search of energy independence. We recognize that our national security, as well as our economy, is dependent upon our success and the success of other organizations which join us in this important national challenge.

#### Direct Renewal

The Direct Renewal Program has been instrumental in the successful retention of members in the organization. The entire program is funded at NO COST to Departments or Posts. Members of participating Posts receive a first renewal notice about August 1, and second and third renewal notices are sent to unpaid members about November 1 and February 1, respectively.

An alternative to renewing members through the mail is to identify responsible Legionnaires within the Post who are willing to accept the responsibility of leadership and who will get involved and contact members personally.

These winning combinations will spell success.

#### The American Legion Good Neighbor Award

The American Legion Good Neighbor Award was created to recognize outstanding voluntarism by Legionnaires in each of five categories. At the 1984 Spring Meetings the following Legionnaires were selected to receive this award:

#### Richard Erickson (MI)—Work With Veterans

One whose efforts have significantly improved conditions for veterans in need of assistance

#### C. Bruce Stewart (MS)—Community Service

One whose exceptional contribution in volunteer service to his community has made that community a better place to live

#### Timothy Brereton (NY)—Heroism

One whose selfless courage and quick action has saved a human life

# John J. Hamilton (NJ)—Outstanding Volunteer Service

One whose attitude and achievements exemplify the true spirit of voluntarism

#### James H. Denver (MA)—Youth Activities

One whose concern for the problems and potentials of young people has brought them increased opportunities

Each winner will be honored at an award dinner in his community, where he will receive the Good Neighbor Award plaque and a \$1,000 check payable to his favorite charity.

#### National Leadership Workshops

The sixth annual series of National Leadership Workshops sponsored by the National Headquarters of The American Legion and Auxiliary in cooperation with all Departments will take place this September and October at eight regional sites around the United States.

This forum of workshops is a setting to discuss matters of interest to the organization, but, more importantly, it offers the opportunity to inform, educate, and provide leadership training to anyone wanting to learn more about the past, present, and future of the Legion and Auxiliary. Many subject matters will be covered, providing a blend of experiences, sharing of ideas, problem solving, information exchange, and the sharpening of skills.

Become a part of the 20,000 other members who have attended past workshops. Be a Winner! Get Involved!

#### Research and Development

Over the past year, three additional direct-marketing tests using mail to acquire new members have been completed. Total members acquired from these tests for 1984 membership only is approaching 13,000 members. Since direct marketing began in 1982, the toal number members acquired is in excess of 28,000.

In March and April of 1984, a strategic planning coregroup was formed to assess direct-mailing test efforts and the area of new-member acquisition, member retention, and image building. As a result of those meetings, a strategic plan was developed with specific strategies outlined to address the challenges that we face in the area of recruitment and retention.

Further articles in American Legion publications will keep Legionnaires informed of the developments

that evolved from this strategic plan.

## Membership and Post Activities Committee

Douglas W. Henley (MD) Chairman James L. Adcox (NC) Director



Douglas W. Henley

HE 1984 MEMBER-SHIP year has been one of continued implementation of innovative redirection within the organization. It is quite evident that our membership is becoming younger and more visible as our nation's leaders among veterans. Our enrollment of Vietnam Veterans is increasing and numerous special Vietnam Veteran Posts

have been established throughout the organization.

#### Membership Strength

Total official membership, 1983	. 2,555,455
1983 membership as of June 1, 1983	. 2,502,655
1984 membership as of June 1, 1984	. 2,483,164

#### Eligibility Dates Remained Constant in 1983-84

There have been no changes in eligibility dates for membership since the 1979 National Convention in Houston, Texas where new dates were established for Vietnam Veterans (December 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975).

#### 1984 Commanders Who Help America Work

"Mr. District Commander" Competition Rules

Competition was divided into five categories based on the District membership without regard to geographic locations. Based on final 1983 totals, District Commanders competed in each of the following categories. A Top District Commander for the National Award was selected from each of the five categories. Second and third place awards also were presented in each category.

First Place Awards—Presented to the District Commander in each category whose 1984 District Membership represents the greatest percentage increase over the final 1983 District Membership\* on

May 1, 1984.

Second Place Awards—Presented to the District Commander in each category whose 1984 District Membership represents the second highest percentage increase over the final 1983 District Membership\* on May 1, 1984.

Third Place Awards—Presented to the District Commander in each category whose 1984 District Membership represents the third highest percentage increase over the final 1983 District Membership\* on May 1, 1984.

\*Final 1983 Membership as of December 31, 1983.

Category I . . . . . Districts of 15—1,499 Members Category II . . . . Districts of 1,500—2,999 Members Category III . . . Districts of 3,000—4,999 Members Category IV . . . Districts of 5,000—7,499 Members Category V . . Districts of 7,500 and above Members

#### Top District Commander Competition Winners

First Place Awards—National Convention trip which includes round-trip transportation for winner and 6 days/5 nights hotel accommodations while attending The American Legion's 66th Annual National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Also, tickets to the National Commander's Banquet and "Distinguished Guest" status while attending National Convention activities.

#### Winners:

Category I—Joe Gallegos, District 1, Department of New Mexico, 114.74% Category II—William R. McLeod, Jr., District 3, Department of Tennessee, 123.35% Category III—Joseph L. Lecouffe, District 5, Department of Vermont, 103.20% Category IV—R.L. "Luke" Iller, District 13, Department of Florida, 107.29% Category V-William W. Cole, North Central District, Dept. of Maryland, 108.45%

Second Place Awards—An official American Legion uniform consisting of blazer, trousers, cap and tie

Category I-Steven Bradway, District 17, Department of Michigan, 111.15% Category II—Clayton E. Moneymaker, District 12, Department of Alabama, 119.72% Category III—Mel Snell, District 1, Department of Oregon, 103.19% Category IV—Anthony W. Scerbo, District 17, Department of Virginia, 102.36% Category V-Margaret Wilcox, District 16, Department of Florida, 104.72%

Third Place Awards—An official American Legion blazer

#### Winners:

Category I-Raymond Frank, District 14, Department of Michigan, 111.00% Category II-Harrison Waddell, District 1, Department of South Carolina, 110.14% Category III—W.R. Moor, District 5, Department of Georgia, 103.06% Category IV—William A. Sidman, Jr., District 29, Department of Pennsylvania, 101.61% Category V—Bert Vasarella, District 2, Department of Wisconsin, 102.86%

#### Department

Department Commanders who qualified for 1984 "We Help American Work" honors are identified among those whose Department achieved 200 points or better and are pictured elsewhere in this National Convention Program.

#### 20th Annual National Membership Workshop

Two National Membership Workshops were held this year in preparation for the 1985 membership year. The workshops were held at National Headquarters in Indianapolis—July 26-27 and August 2-3. The goal of the National Membership Workshop was to achieve a greater participation by individual Legionnaires in examining the membership objective of the American Legion. This exchange of ideas on a national scale continues to be one of the best methods of determining the future of The American Legion. Workshop participants left National Headquarters motivated and prepared to begin another successful membership year.

We are again looking forward to our eight National Leadership Workshops during which we will take our Membership Workshop to the field.

#### **New Posts**

Posts Chartered	
5/31/83 to 5/31/84	
No. of Posts as of 5/31/83	15,684
No. of Posts cancelled as of 5/31/84	147
No. of new Posts chartered as of 5/31/84	78
Total No. of Posts as of 5/31/84	15,616

New Post formation in urban areas is one of the most difficult tasks confronting The American Legion. The Membership and Post Activities Committee developed a "Metropolitan New Post Marketing Plan." This plan has been proven successful and is now being implemented in several Departments. The premise of the plan is that any organization, no matter how great its programs or how large its membership, must continually adjust to the changes of the society it serves. The American Legion and its "Metropolitan New Post Marketing Plan" sets forth a procedure for organizing the core city and reorganizing once active Posts.

#### "Operation Welcome Back"

The final major strategy of the 1984 National Membership Campaign began on May 1. "Operation Welcome Back" is a strategy to identify all remaining deliquent members and provide a convenient method for each to be personally contacted by a Post member.

On April 23rd, we shipped to the Departments 255,043 "Operation Welcome Back" cards containing the names, addresses and years of continuous membership of deliquent members. Also shipped were instruction sheets and certification forms for use by Post Adjutants to report to national Headquarters those Post members who reinstate deliquent members during the "Operation Welcome Back" period-May 1-June 30. These membership workers received a personal letter of thanks from National Commander Keith Kreul and an "Operation Welcome Back" participation certificate.

#### 1985 Membership Campaign Promotion

During the annual planning session of the Membership and Post Activities Committee held in Indianapolis, January 12-13, 1984, the committee formulated the promotion plan for the 1985 National Membership Campaign. In excess of 65,000 various awards and incentives are incorporated in the National Membership Awards Program for 1985 to recognize outstanding membership accomplishments at all levels of the organization.

The M&PA staff has prepared a detailed Awards Manual for 1985 and promotional brochures describing Individual, Post, District and Department Awards that can be earned for membership

performance.

#### New National Theme for 1985

During the M&PA annual planning session, the committee considered and adopted a new national theme. The old theme, "We Help America Work"



"Get Involved! We're Winning!"

which concludes a five-year period of use with the 1984 membership year, will be replaced with the newly adopted theme "Get Involved! We're Winning!" as Posts, Districts and Departments begin their 1985 Membership Campaign.

It was the consensus of the committee that this is probably the most dynamic theme the committee has adopted in several years. The theme is a call for action in a positive effort and is directed at our own members, eligible nonmembers and the general public as well.

Several promotional items have been developed around this new theme including posters, countertop displays, brochures, bumperstickers, decals and buttons.

#### **Unofficial Membership Awards**

#### Early Bird Awards

Thirty-eight Departments qualified for Early Bird Awards by surpassing the assigned membership total by the September 16, 1983 Target Date...Awards were earned by: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

#### Midway to Success

Awards were presented to Department Commanders and Department Membership Chairman in each of five categories whose Department had the greatest percentage of 100% Posts for 1984, compared to the total number of Posts as of June 30, 1983. Membership was transmitted on or before October 18, 1983. Winners were: Category I—Wisconsin; Category II—Kansas; Category III—Oklahoma; Category IV—Vermont; Category V—Alaska.

#### Veterans Day Awards

Thirty-nine Departments qualified for Veterans Day Awards by surpassing the assigned membership total by the November 22, 1983 Target Date. Awards

were earned by: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

#### Special Certificate of Most Distinguished Service

Special certificates were presented to 1,100 Posts who had reenrolled by November 11, 1983 their entire previous year's membership for 1984.

#### **Big Ten Competition**

Winning Departments for the 1984 Big Ten Competition are: Category I—Wisconsin and Ohio; Category II—Maryland and Nebraska; Category III—South Dakota and Virginia; Category IV—Montana and New Hampshire; Category V—Rhode Island and Nevada.

#### Individual Membership Workers' Awards

Over seventeen hundred Legionnaires who recruited ten (10) new members and/or reinstatements by Veterans Day, November 11, 1983 for the 1984 membership year received a special certificate from the National Commander and a chance to win one of five expense-paid trips to the 1984 National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Winners: Duane J. Trombley, Post 51, Minnesota; Floyd R. Holman, Post 70, Minnesota; Charles E. Jones, Post 199, Missouri; Allan Christianson, Post 25, California; James Reid, Post 310, California.

#### Post Commander Achievement Award

Awarded to 433 Post Commanders who led their Posts to a 1984 membership increase by November 11, 1983 by exceeding the Post's previous year's final membership.

This accomplishment qualified the Post Commander for a chance to win one of five (5) expense-paid trips to the 1984 National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah—trip includes round-trip air transportation, hotel accommodations for 6 days/5 nights and a reserved seating ticket to the National Commander's Banquet for Distinguished Guests. Winners: Steve Drahuschak, Post 909, Pennsylvania; Randy Simpson, Post 209, Pennsylvania; Don L. Cirac, Post 18, Nevada; Stanley Bozenski, Post 1607, Illinois; James R. Abercrombie, Post 37, Arizona.

#### Veterans Day District Commander Award

Fifty-three awards were presented to the District Commander in each Department that had the highest membership percentage for 1984 compared to the District's 1983 total membership enrolled and transmitted to National Headquarters by the Veterans Day Target Date. The award consisted of a

Veterans Day Award Certificate, a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) gift certificate redeemable through National Emblem Sales and a personal letter from the National Commander.

#### Post Membership Chairman All-Time-High Distinguished Service Award

Three hundred forty certificates were awarded to the Membership Chairman of Posts who had by December 31, 1983 equaled or surpassed for 1984 the Post's previous All-Time-High membership.

#### Post Honor Ribbon

Post Honor Ribbons were shipped to 2,333 Posts whose 1984 membership as of December 31, 1983 equaled or exceeded their total 1983 membership.

#### **Certificate of Meritorious Service**

These certificates were awarded to 407 Posts which by December 31, 1983 had enrolled an advance membership for 1984 equaling or surpassing the Post's previous All-Time-High.

# The American Legion Birthday Award - Post of Distinction

Four thousand three hundred fifty-five (4,355) Posts qualified for the above award by having enrolled by March 17, 1984 a membership for 1984 equaling or exceeding the total 1983 membership in addition to carrying on basic programs throughout the year.

#### Individual Membership Workers' Award for Recruiting New Members, Reinstatements and Renewals

Six hundred eighty-one Legionnaires who recruited one hundred (100) new members, reinstatements, or renewals by The American Legion Birthday, March 15-17, 1984 for the 1984 membership year were inducted into the National Century Club and received a special certificate from the National Commander. Each Century Club member became eligible for a chance to win one of five expense-paid trips to the 1984 National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah—round trip air transportation, hotel accommodations for 6 days/5 nights and a reserved seating ticket to the National Commander's Banquet for Distinguished Guests. Winners: Eddie D. Mohler, Post 11, Ohio; Anthony J. Constantine, Post 12, Connecticut; J.W. Fuller, Post 24, South Carolina; Deborah J. Minor, Post 12. Connecticut; Luis M. Perez-Reyes, Post 6, Puerto Rico.

# Administrative Services

William D. Jackson (IN) Executive Director

HE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, whose office is located in the National Headquarters, Indianapolis, has four major responsibilities.

1) He performs such duties as may be assigned to him by the National Adjutant to assist in meeting the myriad responsibilities of that office and during temporary absences of the National Adjutant from The American Legion National Headquarters, acts for him.

2) He heads the Administrative Services Division and through it supervises and coordinates the many administrative functions of the Indianapolis

Headquarters.

3) He serves on the Personnel Committee of the Headquarters, the National Retirement Committee, Publications Advisory Board, and is Chairman of the Management Review Board.

4) He coordinates EDP-Computer operations, which has a Director reporting to the Executive

Director.

Included in the Administrative Services Division of the Indianapolis Headquarters are the following administrative functions: Cashier; Mail, Purchasing; Graphic Arts; General Supply ... stock, receiving, shipping; Library, Archives, E.A. Blackmore Museum; Communications and Printing; building maintenance; Cafeteria; Personnel Division; Finance section and Insurance section.

The Administrative Services Division also provides all secretarial assistance to the executive officers of

The American Legion.

#### **Computer Center**

The EDP-Computer Center is currently responsible

for the following programs:

Updating of "The American Legion Magazine," SAL, FIRING LINE, Advance, and Legislative Bulletin mailing lists and the printing of mailing labels and renewal notices.

Production of direct membership renewal notices

and registers.

The production of membership cards and registers, department accounting reports, statistical information, post questionnaire reports and welcome back notices.

The printing of state paper mailing labels, upon

request.

PUFL members updating and financial checks.

The maintenance of inventory controls, purchasing controls and billing applications for The American Legion Emblem Division.

Emblem Sales invoices and reports.

Production of all general ledger accounting information.

Maintenance of the mailing list for the Extension Institute.

Production of audit control and circulation analysis reports for "The American Legion Magazine."

Production of inventory control and purchase order control of National Headquarters.

Accounts receivable.

Retirement Investment program.

Furniture and Fixtures Inventory and Depreciation reports.

Direct mail solicitation programs.

Consolidated Post Reporting.

National Commission and Committee list.

# Convention Commission

Wendell G. Williams (WI) Chairman William D. Jackson (IN) Acting Director



Wendell G. Williams

HE 65TH NATION-AL CONVENTION which was held in Seattle was very successful. The weather was excellent (no rain). Attendance was as anticipated inasmuch as the convention was held in the far northwestern part of the country. Many of those attending enjoyed the many scenic tours available. Financially the convention in Seattle was successful.

One of the prime duties of the Convention Commission is to review potential sites for the convention and make recommendations of those cities

for NEC approval.

At the spring meetings in May in Indianapolis, the Convention Commission approved a plan to award conventions on a tentative basis four years in advance. This will help the bidding convention cities to prepare for the convention by working with the hotels, the local city Convention and Activities Committees and the local Convention Corporation to arrange proper rates and other items that will give you, the Legionnaire, Auxiliary member, SAL member and your families a great convention.

Bids have been received by a number of cities for conventions for the years 1985 through 1989. The National Convention Commission inspection teams visited many of the cities and made a full report to the Convention Commission at the May meetings. At that time, New Orleans, La. was awarded the 1985 convention. The contract was executed by the National Commander, the National Adjutant, and the New Orleans 1985 Convention Corp. The Convention will be

held August 23 through 28, 1985.

Tentative awards for 1986, 1987 and 1988 were recommended by the Convention Commission and approved by the National Executive Committee as follows:

August 29 through September 4, 1986—Cincinnati,

August 21 through August 27, 1987—San Antonio,

September 2 through September 7, 1988-

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Other cities with bids for the National Convention that were taken into consideration and will be considered again in the future are Denver, Detroit, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Phoenix, and San Diego.

We hope all of you enjoy this new convention city of Salt Lake City. We know that Salt Lake City and the entire State of Utah are opening their doors to welcome the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Family and will do everything possible to provide you with a hospitable and enjoyable visit.

### Distinguished Guest Committee

Maurice E. Druhl (OR) Chairman

The Distinguished Guests Committee operates under the umbrella of the National Convention Commission and is directed to assume the responsibility of coordinating the activities of those persons invited to attend the National Convention as distinguished guests.

The Committee arranges transportation requirements for their arrival and departure and also provides such services to the various events which the

guest wishes to attend.

Proper credentials, agendas, itineraries and other necessary details are all part of this operation and special requests are honored, when possible.

The Distinguished Guests Committee normally operates from the Legion's headquarters hotel. The facility is the nerve center for all of the Committee's operations and also maintained as a convenience and central locator for all of the distinguished guests.

The overall success of this operation depends almost entirely upon Legionnaires from the convention city and department. Local Legionnaires are counted upon to provide experienced leadership and knowledge for conducting the day-by-day operations of this committee during the entire convention.

Special emphasis is placed upon the ability of local aides, drivers and others to help make our guests feel comfortable and at ease during their stay in the

convention city.

### Contests Supervisory Committee

Archie Pozzi, Jr. (NV) Chairman Thomas O. Leavitt (MA) Liaison

The Contests Committee finalized and approved the new rules for the 1984 contests as well as approving the new scoresheets. With the approval of the rules, the contests will be conducted in a more military manner, which is a request from the competing units.

The Committee feels the new contests will be more enjoyable than in the past, which was a flashier style of contests. The Committee is pointing to a display of the American Flag and other colors to reflect the original concept of color guards and drill teams. The competing units should be congratulated for requesting this

Arrangements have been made for the sites of the contests in Salt Lake City, Utah and all are within

walking distance of the Salt Palace and many of the hotels and motels.

At this point in time, the Committee has no way of knowing the number of competing units that will be in Salt Lake City since it is not necessary to officially notify the American Legion until 30 days prior to the contests. Because Salt Lake City is a first for The American Legion, we anticipate a good group of contestants.

There are six contest categories offered this year. They are as follows:

Jr. Color Guard Sr. Color Guard Sr. Band Jr. Drill Team Sr. Drill Team Firing Squad

#### 1983 Defending National Champions

Last year's champions were:
Jr. Color Guard— Jr. Drill Team—

Jr. Color Guard— Debutante Junior Girls Post 129 Minneapolis, MN

Blue Knights Post 274 Des Moines, IA

Sr. Color Guard— Highlanders Post 201 Louisville, KY

Sr. Drill Team—Double D's Post 180 Milwaukie, OR

Senior Band—Kansas City American Legion Band City Central Executive Committee & Posts of Kansas City and the 5th District Kansas City, MO

# **Public Relations**Commission

William M. Detweiler (LA) Chairman Hubert R. Dagley, II (IN) Director



William M. Detweiler

HE NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS Commission oversees and coordinates all activities and programs designed to publicize the work of The American Legion among members and non-members. In the past Legion year, many significant accomplishments helped the Commission achieve several key goals.

I would like to give a

special word of thanks from our Commission to all National Officers, members of the N.E.C., and the many commissions and committees and their respective divisions for inviting our participation in their programs. This cooperation is a capstone to our year.



The 1984 National Commander's Public Relations Award was presented in February to the television program "Real People." On hand for the presentation were (left to right): Bob Wynn, "Real People" producer; National Commander Keith Kreul; William M. Detweiler, Public Relations Commission chairman; George Schlatter, President of George Schlatter Productions who create "Real People;" and cast member Mark Russell who specializes in political humor.

Since we last gathered in convention, the Public Relations staff has worked closely with Internal Affairs in support of the Good Neighbor Awards program and the National Leadership Workshops; Americanism for support in developing the "Get Out The Vote" campaign; and every other division as we sought to get the word out to all Legionnaires.

Audiovisual efforts increased beyond expectations: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Economics, Children & Youth, Americanism, and Membership have all benefited from audiovisual programs to

support their commission objectives.

At the same time, several special projects were accomplished by the staff in Washington and Indianapolis. Among them, a special "Peacekeeper Greetings." When National Commander Keith Kreul asked Americans for their support of American troops around the world at Christmas time, thousands responded in less than four weeks.

National Commander Kreul also held a historic meeting in April with President Gordon B. Hinckley, Second Counselor in the First Presidency, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Salt Lake City. For that meeting a special folder was prepared highlighting mutual concerns of The American

Legion and the church.

Still another special project involved the 40th Anniversary of the G.I. Bill of Rights, June 22nd. National radio and television Public Service Announcements were distributed; a folder was assembled for formal ceremonies in Washington, D.C. marking the occasion, and the original draft documents written by Past National Commander Harry Colmery were placed on display in our nation's capitol that month.

For 1984, the responsibility for developing a float for the "500 Festival Parade" on May 26th was given to the Commission. The theme for the event was "A Salute to Heritage." The American Legion entry, saluting the heritage of inventors and their ideas that have shaped our times, was an outstanding opportunity to put The American Legion name before millions of Americans via television.

Public Relations also began experiments with a rapid telecommunications system between the National Commander (when on the road) and Indianapolis headquarters. Using a portable computer, telephone hook-up, and a portable terminal, late-breaking information can be transmitted to the Commander at considerable savings over express

delivery services.

Of course, the biggest visible change came in the revised American Legion News Service (ALNS). Today more than 15,000 copies are distributed every other week. A flexible two or four page format allows wide distribution of Legion news, pictures and other materials in a timely manner. ALNS can be clipped for local publications, posted on bulletin boards in the post home, or used in many other ways to help get the information to as many Legionnaires as possible.

Again this Legion year, Public Relations awards were presented to several organizations. The television program "Real People" was named by National Commander Kreul to receive his 1984 Public Relations Award. In May, a "Certificate of Excellence in Journalism" was awarded to Frontier Magazine, edited by Captain "Chick" Stevens, for patriotic dedication to America's history and traditions.

During the year a solid link between the Public Relations staff and the Public Relations Commission, Legion officers and other commissions has been established. This building process has resulted in significant progress toward letting people know about

The American Legion.

The future holds even more promise. With expanding technologies and creative responses to a myriad of challenges, the National Public Relations Commission and staff continue to look forward to meeting those new opportunities head-on.



A tribute by The American Legion to 'America's Heritage of Ideas' was the theme of this year's entry in the Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade.

# The American Legion Magazine Commission

Milford A. Forrester (SC) Chairman James N. Sites (DC) Publisher/ Editor-in-Chief

HE CURRENT YEAR has been one of change and of improvement for The American Legion Magazine, with the result that we now have an artistically pleasing product of redefined and refocused editorial content that appeals both to readers and advertisers.



Milford A. Forrester

The process began in the late Fall of 1983 with the accession of James N.

Sites to the helm of the Magazine as both Publisher and Editor-in-Chief. Simultaneously, it was decided to take advantage of the Magazine's leadership position among general-interest periodicals, and to focus its editorial content more strongly on matters of overriding concern to all Americans: national security, contemporary U.S. problems and trends, international relations and veterans' affairs. Symbolic of this sharpened editorial philosophy is the Magazine's new slogan: The Magazine for a Strong America.

Also at the same time, a decision to redesign the graphics of the Magazine was made, and the result—a new logotype, new feature-article layouts, new department heads, new formats for the Table of Contents page and Commander's Message, even new features such as Commentary, in My Opinion and others—has been favorably received by readers and advertisers alike since its initial appearance in March

of this year.

Strengthening the Magazine's new appeal is a more finely focused editorial plan, which now presents a broad spectrum of articles of current, informative and, at times, even controversial content. These include special reports on a wide variety of topics, interviews with prominent public officials and other newsmakers, in-depth reports on developments of concern and immediate interest to veterans, profiles of the many Legion activities and expert commentaries on relevant issues.

Concurrent with this refocusing and redesign of the Magazine has been a redirecting of its advertising sales effort, to broaden its advertising base to include major national companies in a wide number of fields. To this end, an extensive research program to identify significant prospective advertisers in many fields has

been undertaken, along with an intensive salespromotion program. An attractive Media Kit has been produced, and new Rate Cards—incorporating new and higher general and mail-order advertising rates, which took effect last June 1—also have been issued. Direct-mail solicitation of advertisers, through personal appeals by the publisher to the chief executive officers of a large number of prospective advertiser companies, also has been undertaken.

The principal thrust of this revitalized appeal to both current and prospective advertisers—including particularly among the latter the major defense contractor companies—has been that The American Legion Magazine offers its advertisers a chance to reach more than 2 1/2 million concerned, responsible, mature and politically active readers that constitute not only a solid nationwide market for advertisers' products and services but also an effective public-policy action force that can lend broad-gauged support to advertiser objectives in that field as well.

To maximize the impact of this editorial refocusing, format redesign and redirection of advertising thrust, the Magazine also has undertaken a concerted program of media relations. The program is designed to increase recognition of The American Legion Magazine as a primary source for news about the public officials and other newsmakers who appear in its pages, as well as about the Legion itself, its activities and its positions on issues of major national and international interest. The program is directed at other leading periodicals and electronic communications media that influence public opinion in the US and elsewhere.

Considering that the Magazine's readership includes 2.5 million Legionnaires as well as an estimated 6 million more friends, relatives and associates of Legionnaires; that it reaches most of the 1 million members of The American Legion Auxiliary, and that it is regularly distributed to all 535 members of Congress plus thousands of additional leaders in business, government and the press, it is evident that The American Legion Magazine reaches a cohesive segment of American public opinion that can significantly influence national attitudes on major issues—an appeal of no small import to prospective and current advertisers alike.

Results of this new campaign are difficult to assess at this point, since it has barely begun—but the Magazine's expectations, and those of this Commission, are high.

None of this, of course, comes cheaply, especially in a time of uncertain paper supply and other factors that affect costs. Yet, thanks in part to a stable postage situation (no rate increase for non-profit third-class mailers is expected until late this year, or possibly early 1985) and thanks to stringent cost-control efforts elsewhere in the Magazine's operation, additional expenditures are being held to an absolute minimum.

The American Legion Magazine Commission, as the foregoing may indicate, is pleased with the new look and new outlook of the product your staff is producing. We look forward to another year of meeting the Legion's need for a professionally produced publication that is informative, entertaining and reflective of the highest Legion aims and principles.

# **Finance** Commission

Walton D. Griffin (TN) Chairman Webber LaGrange (IN) National Treasurer Paul M. Allen (MN) Director

HE PRIMARY OB-LIGATION of the Finance Commission is to prepare a yearly budget for submission to the National Executive Committee and to exercise reasonable control to see that the various divisions and/or departments of the National Organization operate within the approved appropriations. The Finance Commission is



Walton D. Griffin

composed of seven members with the National Adjutant as ex-officio secretary, and the National Commander and National Treasurer are ex-officio members. Also attending these meetings are both Executive Directors and the Finance Director

The National Organization had an operating surplus of \$4,002,894.95 for the year 1983. The Finance Commission is pleased to report this is almost \$600,000.00 more than anticipated. In 1983 we receive \$5.50 dues per member, which is allocated as follows: \$2.75 to the General Fund; \$2.50 to The American Legion Magazine; \$.25 to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

The income of the National Organization is derived from annual membership dues, interest on investments, Magazine advertisements, Emblem sales and contributions.

A full financial statement is incorporated in the Auditor's Report and in addition, your attention is directed to the reports of Committees and Trusts which are the responsibility of this Commission, and can be found elsewhere in this program.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee

American Legion Emblem Committee American Legion Overseas Graves Decoration Trust

# Condensed Report on National Emblem Sales Division

Frank Johnston (IL) Chairman Alfred L. Lankenau, Jr. (IN) General Manager HE AMERICAN LEGION emblem is the exclusive property of the National Headquarters. The sale of the emblem, emblem pins, merchandise carrying the emblem and other items of organizational equipment is the responsibility of the National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The following tables show gross sales, net earnings, etc., for the entire calendar year 1983 and for the first three months of 1984.

January 1, to December 31, 1983 (12 months)

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1983 was 12,438.)	
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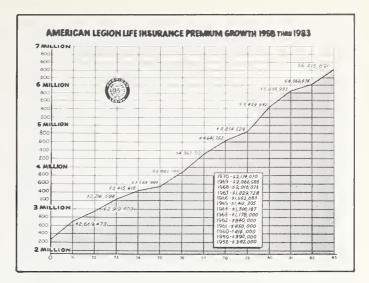
1983 was 12,438.)
January 1, to March 31, 1984
(3 months)
Gross Sales
Cost of Goods Sold
Overhead340,060
Operating Profit
(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of
1984 was 14,548.)

## The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee

Jerome P. Dobel, Jr. (MO) Chairman Gene L. Fattig (IN) Director

HE AMERICAN LEGION Life Insurance Plan now in its 27th year, was officially adopted by the National Executive Committee in Washington, D.C. on February 22, 1958. The Plan is one of the outstanding "Fringe Benefits" offered by membership. The Insurance Committee is assigned for jurisdictional purposes to the National Finance Commission, and reports through the Commission to the National Executive Committee. The Insurance Department is staffed by a National Headquarters employee who serves as Director of the Insurance Office, which is administered by the Rollins Burdick Hunter Co., housed in Chicago, Illinois.

Your Insurance Committee has met two times since the last report and is pleased to again announce that the Plan continues to experience growth. This is due in part, to the fact that The American Legion has recognized a need for keeping pace with the nation's economy. Consequently, the committee has periodically sought approval from the National Executive Committee to increase the maximum number of units for which members could apply under the Plan. The most recent action in that respect occurred January 1, 1983, when the maximum number of available units was increased from eight (8) to ten (10). Legionnaires who were eligible for a maximum of \$80,000 protection before, can now apply

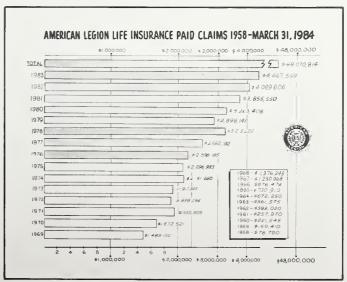


for coverage up to \$100,000 in The Legion Life Insurance Plan.

The National Executive Committee passed a resolution granting a 20 percent "across the board increase" in all death benefits for the calendar year 1984. This is the 15th time, in the 26 year history in which an increase of this nature has been made. Example: The \$100,000 policy becomes \$120,000 and a \$10,000 benefit is worth \$12,000. The astounding fact is that cost per unit has never increased. It remained only \$24.00 a year.

This is a group plan, in fact, the largest (numerically speaking) of its kind in the country. It is underwritten by Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company of California. The coverage is arranged under a group policy for members in all states except permanent residents of Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin, who are insured under individual policies. The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York insures permanent residents of New York State and Puerto Rico.

The Insurance Plan is a polished tool, designed to attract the Vietnam age war veterans, as well as help to retain members. Membership workers should not overlook this "fringe benefit program" when working to increase their post's membership.



Premiums and/or contributions paid for 1983 coverage amounted to \$6,413,891. Contributions have continued to grow throughout the years. After the close of each calendar year and after all claims and administrative expenses have been paid in the Group States, the unused premiums are placed in The American Legion Life Insurance Trust. There is in excess of \$6 million in this Trust Fund.

The American Legion Life Insurance Trust has for some years helped support the National Oratorical Contests and The American Legion Baseball Program. The expenditures for 1984 include \$483,284 for the Baseball Program and the Awards for Oratorical Contests are as follows: \$16,000 for 1st Place; \$14,000 for 2nd Place; \$10,000 for 3rd place; and \$8,000 for 4th Place. In addition, each of our Department winners attending the regional contest receives a \$1,000 scholarship award. The twelve contestants at the Sectional Contest receive a similar \$1,000 scholarship award. The total amount set aside for the 1984 Oratorical Budget was \$184,127. The Junior Uniformed Groups participating in the National Convention has \$20,000 set aside for their related expenses and \$131,274 set aside for the Boy's Nation Program. A \$2,500 Scholarship Award for the Boy Scout of year was granted for 1983. However, the NEC at their Fall Meeting in 1983 changed this to allow in place of a \$2,500 award—\$2,000 a year and not to exceed \$8,000. Membership Program will receive \$470,062. These requests for grants of money are approved by The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee, the Finance Commission and N.E.C. Without question, these programs do much to shape tomorrow's leaders.

Over the past 26 years more than 26,500 death claims have been paid, totaling over \$48 million in benefits. During 1984 about 1 million Legionnaires who have been members of The American Legion from 2 to 15 years received a three flight mailing alerting them to the fringe benefit of membership and given an application to file if desired. In addition, over 65,000 Legionnaires enrolled in the Insurance Plan received a computer letter reminding them that the Plan provides additional units, and should they wish to increase their present coverage, just execute the application provided. Also approximately 200,000 new members will be informed of this program. During calendar year 1984 approximately \$300,000 will have been spent for advertising in The American Legion Magazine.

Each year, on or about Oct. 15, all insured Legionnaires are requested to report their next year's membership card number when tendering remittance to cover the annual premium due for the next calendar year.

Remember, your American Legion Life Insurance Plan always pays in addition to any other life insurance benefits; it is not intended in any way to replace any existing coverage you may have. It simply makes possible thousands of dollars of extra security at incredibly low cost.

For further information write to The American Legion Life Insurance Plan, Rollins Burdick Hunter Co., 10 South Riverside Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60606, Attention: Gene L. Fattig, Director.

# National Legislative Commission

Gary W. Sammons (MI) Chairman E. Philip Riggin (MD) Director

HE PRIMARY MISSION of the National Legislative Commission is to promote the legislative mandates of The American Legion before the Congress of the United States. The legislative program is dictated by resolutions adopted at either a Nation Convention or meetings of the National Executive Committee.



Gary W. Sammons

The Legislative Commission does not set policy for The American Legion. The Commission, through its Washington, DC legislative staff, concentrates its efforts on carrying out Legion objectives. The National Legislative News Bulletin and other Legion publications help to keep the members of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary abreast of Congressional activity affecting the veteran and his family.

As a result of National Convention and National Executive Committee action, there are more than 270 active resolutions which establish the organization's positions on issues before Congress. The issues range



Senator Howard Baker (TN), Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, addresses a Legion audience in February 1984 on the need to re-establish the nation's military and economic strength.



National Commander Kreul outlines the organization's legislative priorities before the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

from immigration reform to compensation for Agent Orange residuals to MX missile deployment. In order to properly communicate Legion opinion on all these matters, it is expected that the Commission staff will present testimony on 50-60 occasions during the Second Session of the 98th Congress.

During the First Session of the 98th Congress, The American Legion's legislative program continued to experience the momentum created by the enactment of beneficial legislation during the 97th Congress. Once again, Congress responded to the Legion's defense of nonprofit postal subsidies by approving sufficient funds to stabilize rates of second and third

class postal customers.

In the area of veterans affairs, the Commission was particularly pleased by the enactment of the Emergency Veterans Jobs Training Act—a major initiative to encourage the retraining of veterans who had lost their jobs during the recent recession. Another measure, a comprehensive VA medical care bill, included several significant provisions which (1) extended the readjustment counselling program through September 1988, (2) authorized various health care alternatives to treat the aging veteran, and (3) authorized substantial increases in federal per diem payments to states which treat veterans in state veterans homes and similar facilities.

Substantial increases in various categories of the Fiscal Year 1984 defense budget were approved, although they were less than the amounts requested by President Reagan. The principal foreign policy item of concern to the Legion which gained Congressional approval was the Caribbean Basin Initiative, a combination of trade and tax incentives to encourage U.S. consumer business with Central and South American enterprises. Despite this positive development, it is clear that economic and military aid to several key nations in that region faces greater Congressional resistance.

While the National Legislative Commission expects to be successful in 1984 in its promotion of several major legislative initiatives, Congress will be reluctant to approve any additional domestic or defense program spending. The reason for this is simple—the recent accumulation of federal debt is threatening to choke off the current recovery. Congress is intent on reducing federal expenditures, a particularly difficult circumstance for us when considering that current Legion resolutions seek the expenditure of more than \$350 billion annually.

The National Legislative Commission continues to remind Congress that the interests of our membership constitute a reliable cross section of public opinion on most national issues. Congress is further reminded that our members are "grass roots America", people who freely volunteer their time for projects which benefit the public. The Commission, therefore, encourages all Legionnaires to augment that message by keeping Congressional members informed of what the organization is doing back home and recommending that information on Legion activities be shared with all other members of Congress.

# **Economic** Commission

Frank A. Kelly (GA) Chairman James G. Bourie (CT) Director

HE ECONOMIC COM-MISSION continues to carry out its mandate of promoting the economic well-being of all veterans, with the cooperation of its affiliated committees of Employment and Veterans Preference. At the national level, it works with the Legion's Legislative Commission on legislation, directly with federal agencies on effective



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regulations and administration of federal programs designated for veterans. Within the Legion it provides information on these federal opportunities and works to inspire and coordinate post and department activities to help veterans economically; this latter coming under the heading of the "Jobs for Veterans" mandated by successive National Conventions.

The signing of the Veterans Preference Act by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on June 27, 1944 was commemorated in June 1984 with various federal activities, coordinated by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, to emphasize the government's continued dedication to the provisions of this Act. In various states Legionnaires prompted Governors to mark the occasion with references to similar preference provided by the state. Federal offices across the country marked the occasion with posters, mail cancellations, and other activities.



Leonard Baxter, Adjutant NY, receiving a citation from Frank Kelly, Chairman, National Economic Commission, in appreciation for the Veterans Economic seminars held throughout the state of New York.

Of the 2,700,000 federal employees, 43 percent have veterans preference. Of the 136,000 hired in the first half of fiscal 1982, 26 percent, or 36,000 had veterans preference; of these, 28,000 were Vietnam era veterans, and 4,800 were disabled veterans. Veterans preference has now been extended to those who received campaign medals for service in Lebanon or Grenada during certain designated time periods, and for family members who qualify for such preference under the Veterans Preference Act.

The Economic Commission has testified before Congress in favor of the extension and broadening opportunities under the Veterans Readjustment Appointments authority, under which Vietnam era veterans can be appointed noncompetitively with a program for special education and/or training. These appointments represent only five percent of all new government hires. The usage of the authority for noncompetitive hiring of veterans with 30 percent or more service-connected disability has greatly increased. From 137 in the beginning of the program, in 1979, it increased to 1,648 in fiscal 1982, and in the first half of fiscal 1983 1,200 appointments were made.

The Commission continues to follow various proposals to change federal personnel procedures, particularly those related to reductions-in-force and retirement, to ensure there is no erosion of veterans preference. Contracting out of those federal jobs, in maintenance and security, which are restricted by law to veterans, is also a continuing concern.

The Economic Commission joins in honoring handicapped employees with both the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and the U.S. Postal Service by presenting flags that have been flown over the U.S.

Capitol to those selected to be honored.

In the Department of Labor, the Secretary's Committee on Veterans, of which the Director for Economics is a member, meets regularly. A memorandum of understanding has been signed with the department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs on enforcement of legally required affirmative action on behalf of Vietnam era

and disabled veterans by federal contractors; all other veteran programs are under the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment and Training. Currently, funding for the services under the Assistant Secretary, including that for the local veterans employment representatives and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialists in the public employment offices across the country presents no problem.

All but three states have applied for grants under Title IV-C of the Jobs Partnership Training Act, which are restricted to employment programs for veterans. The Commission continues to urge local participation by veterans in Private Industry Councils and any other groups that have any responsibility for employment and training programs under this Act to ensure that veterans receive their share of such

opportunities.

A new program, the Veterans Emergency Jobs Act, brings the Veterans Administration fully into the employment area. The VA must certify both eligible veterans and eligible employers for this program under which employers of eligible Korean or Vietnam veterans may be reimbursed for part of their salaries for their first and second year of employment. In line with the high unemployment of veterans, certification of eligible veterans has far outpaced that of employers. The Director for Economics serves on the VA Advisory Committee on Readiustment of Vietnam era veterans. and on its subcommittee on employment, charged to formulate a policy recommendation on giving the VA Outreach Centers a greater role in employment and training. The VA is also actively searching for veterans as employees and, as businessmen, for VA procurement and contracts.

The Economic Division's other VA involvement is with the home loan program. During the past year the emphasis has been on the increasing rate of foreclosures, with proposals both for helping veterans troubled with making mortgage payments with much-



Frank Kelly, Chairman, National Economic Commission, is shown presenting the National Small Employer of the Year Award to Ronald Jeansonne of Stratagraph, LA. Shown left to right are Robert Charles Smith, Past National Commander; Carroll B. Shields, NECman; Kelly; Jeansonne; Anthony Buras, Commander LA; and Philip Mayeaux.



Assistant Secretary of Labor for veterans employment, Bill Plowden, addresses the National Economic Commission during the Washington conference.

reduced incomes, and for the VA's depleted revolving loan fund which pays for those homes for which foreclosure is necessary. The Legion has supported allowing veterans to have loans guaranteed to buy homes that do not meet local housing codes at purchase if the homes can be rehabilitated by the veteran.

While veterans are to receive preference in the processing of applications for loans under the Farmers Home Administration, Department of Agriculture, that agency has been hit hard by agricultural condi-

tions and cuts in government spending.

The Small Business Administration has continued its active efforts to see that veterans receive effective "special consideration" from that agency through a continuing program of veterans workshops around the country, advocacy for veterans in the SBA and with other federal agencies, and public relations material. The Director for Economics was designated "Veteran Advocate for Small Business" for 1984.

While the Economic Commission has long actively cooperated with the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, this year, under the chairmanship of the Director for Economics, its Committee on Disabled Veterans sponsored a series of



Marshall Parker, Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration, addresses the National Economic Commission on veterans programs.

Public Forums on Disabled Veterans held in various cities to call attention to their problems and excite public concern.

The Commission's award programs for employers of the handicapped, older workers and of veterans continues to inform employers of these Legion aims. In addition, Citations of Appreciation are now available for department nomination of those who have promoted the programs of the Economic Commission.

As part of the Commission's role in keeping workers in the field up-to-date, *The American Legion Manual for Employment Chairmen* was again revised and republished to contain information on the most recent legislation for veterans employment/training programs. Two of the brochures formerly available were also revised and consolidated into one, *Veterans Economic Entitlements*. The demand for brochures has been heavy, particularly after American Legion publications carried features about Economic Commission material available. The Commission's every-othermonth newsletter, *Economic Nuggets*, continues to carry items on Commission programs to a wide readership.

As always, the Commission responds to letters from veterans, federal agencies, and others on the work of the Commission, responds to requests for articles and/or speeches, serves on various committees not otherwise reported here, such as the National Organizations Committee for U.S. Savings Bonds, and in all ways promotes the economic well-being of all war

veterans.

# Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

William F. Lenker (SD) Chairman Robert E. Lyngh (CO) Director

HEN ONE VIEWS the vast service program in effect in the Posts and at the Department and National levels of The American Legion, it is clear that Legionnaires regard the rehabilitation and welfare of veterans, their dependents and survivors as the prime responsibility of our organization. Consistent with that belief, the delegates to the



William F. Lenker

65th National Convention last August adopted a broad program calling for legislative and administrative action during the 1983-1984 year.

As is the case each year, one of the most important pieces of veterans legislation before the Congress this



Chairman W. F. Lenker, left, National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, presents the 1984 VAVS Award to Raymond McKnight of Wisconsin.

year, in which The American Legion is vitally interested is the bill to provide funding for all Veterans Administration programs. The Veterans Administration's budget request for FY 1985 calls for more than \$27.2 billion in new budget authority. Included in this request is a 4.3 percent cost-of-living increase in disability compensation payable to the service disabled. It likewise proposes a 15 percent increase in subsistence allowance paid to GI Bill trainees.

This Commission, in several appearances before Congressional Committees so far this year, has consistently expressed its approval and appreciation of this budget request. However, we have informed all concerned parties about certain shortfalls in the budget pertaining to construction projects. The needs for these various projects will be addressed in future hearings at which time we will urge that construction

be funded for these needed projects.

In compiling this report, it should be pointed out that several legislative actions have been taken by the 98th Congress relating to veterans benefits. In November 1983, the President approved the Veterans' Health Care Amendments of 1983 (PL 98-160) which, among other things, extended the Veterans' Readjustment Counseling Program; required the Veterans Administration to conduct a study on the prevalence and incidence of post-traumatic stress disorder; increased the per diem rate payable for veterans in State Veterans Homes; and, established an advisory committee on women veterans. Also, on March 2, 1984, Public Law 98-223 was approved. This bill, titled the Veterans Compensation and Program Improvements Amendments of 1984, increased the rates of disability compensation for disabled veterans and dependency and indemnity compensation rates for surviving spouses and children of veterans.

As we move further into the legislative year other matters will require our attention. These are important matters facing the Commission. There is a pressing need for the restoration of the burial benefit for veterans, that was eliminated in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. In addition we will seek an increase in both the burial allowance and plot allowance. We will support cost-of-living increases in disability compensation and DIC, as well as necessary changes in the current Improved Pension Program.

The American Legion-Columbia University Study of the post-service adjustment of Vietnam Era veterans is progressing in a satisfactory manner thanks to the efforts of more than 770 Legionnaires who have been working as Researcher Volunteers. Approximately 15,000 Vietnam Era veterans have completed questionnaires. The data collected will be carefully analyzed by the Columbia research team using the latest methods in computer and statistical technology. A final report is expected by the end of this year. Information obtained will measure Vietnam Era veterans health status, their medical and family histories, their experience in the military service and their attitude toward and use of Veterans Administration services. The study will also look at specific issues such as the evidence of post-traumatic stress disorder and the effects of Agent Orange exposure. The majority of Vietnam veterans contacted to participate in the study have been thoroughly cooperative. Data obtained will be shared with all concerned agencies to assist them in improving the services now provided to veterans.

While the limelight may be focused on legislative or other administrative activity, service to individual veterans and their dependents occupies a considerable amount of time of the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission and its staff. During the past year the number of appeals presented to the Board of Appeals totaled 7,180 of which 197 were scheduled personal hearings. Cases presented to the various Service Department Boards (Correction of Military Records and Discharge Review Boards) totaled 2,016. Other activities show increased work loads in all of the other sections of the Division visitations to VA facilities by the Field Service; the claims staff at the Washington Regional Office; and our representatives at the Insurance Centers in St. Paul and Philadelphia. Over 15,000 pieces of original correspondence were received which does not include copies of correspondence from the Veterans



Pictured above are the 1984-1985 officers of the Department Service Officers Association. They are (left to right) Fred Heinle, WI, Secretary-Treasurer; John Cryan (IL), Sergeant-At-Arms; Earl Wright, MD, Vice President; John Mahan, AZ, President; and A. V. "Bubba" Akin, GA, Chaplain.



Deputy Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Everett Alvarez, Jr., addresses the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Conference.

Administration. Outgoing correspondence exceeded 12,630 pieces. Additionally, 22,199 claims folders were reviewed, 13,280 claims or evidence filed, and a total of 5,800 personal contacts.

We will continue our efforts to carry out The American Legion's established policies with respect to the rehabilitation and welfare of war veterans and their dependents, and will remain alert to all developments in veterans affairs to insure that existing policies are carried out effectively.

# **Foreign Relations**Commission

Melvin (Doc) Simon (VT) Chairman G. Michael Schlee (MD) Director



Melvin (Doc) Simon

HE FOREIGN RELATIONS Commission has devoted major attention during 1983-84 toward urging Americans to support evolving democracies in Central American, adopt a logical nuclear arms control policy and put maximum pressure on Hanoi to resolve the POW/MIA issue.

National Commander Keith Kreul explained

The American Legion's foreign relations program during meetings with President Reagan and Secretary of State Schultz. In an appearance before the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America, the National Commander presented detailed testimony on the Legion's proposal for a "Marshall-type Plan" to promote democracy in the region. The National Commander also visited El Salvador for an on-the-scene assessment of the situation. He met with the U.S. ambassador and the Salvadoran president and defense minister and flew by helicopter to visit Salvadoran troops in the eastern part of the country.

The Legion's prominent role in Central America was further exemplified when President Reagan appointed Immediate Past National Commander Al Keller, Jr., to the U.S. Observation Team to monitor the presidential election in El Salvador. The team included about 20 senators and representatives.

Numerous volunteers have joined the Advocacy Program, which has the objective of developing public support for foreign relations resolutions. In 1984, the focus will be on the crisis in Central America. The American Legion Magazine also published articles on such topics as U.S. policy in Central America, the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America and disinformation on El Salvador.

## Washington Conference

General John A. Wickham, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, emphasized the need for modernization and reorganization if the U.S. Army is to remain a credible deterrent force. Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs William A. Kirby explained the historical background of the Lebanese civil war. Dr. John R. Silber, President of Boston University and a member of the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America, presented an analysis of options for U.S. policy in El Salvador and Nicaragua. Mrs. Ann Mills Griffiths, Executive Director of the National League of Families, explained the significance of a U.S. Government mission to Hanoi on the POW/MIA issue, which she had accompanied. Later events included a discussion of events in Nicaragua and El Salvador by Ms. Jacqueline Tillman, Deputy Director for Latin American Affairs for the National Security Council, and Colonel Earl Young, U.S. Army Reserve, who has intensively studied the Salvadoran army. Ambassador Robert M. Sayre, Director of the Office for Combatting



National Commander Keith Kreul is greeted by Secretary of State George Shultz prior to their meeting on the Legion's foreign policy goals.



National Commander Keith Kreul meets Chairman Henry Kissinger prior to testifying before the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America.

Terrorism, Department of State, presented a detailed report on the growing threat of international terrorism and U.S. Government efforts to combat terrorism.

## POW/MIA

In an address at the 65th National Convention, Lieutenant Colonel Gerald S. Venanzi, USAF, Principal Advisor to the Secretary of Defense on POW/MIA Affairs, explained U.S. efforts to resolve the POW/MIA issue. In November, The American Legion Magazine published a lengthy article outlining the Legion's POW/MIA program.

The Special POW/MIA Committee met during the Washington Conference. The committee reviewed accomplishments in 1983 and adopted a program for 1984 to include intensifying the public awareness campaign, continuing the "Write Hanoi" program (with emphasis on Hanoi's recent adoption of a more forthcoming attitude), holding commemorative ceremonies on POW/MIA Recognition Day, publishing POW/MIA articles and encouraging TV stations to run POW/MIA public service announcements.

The meeting also included an analysis of the mission to Hanoi by Mr. Robert T. Childress of the National Security Council staff and Lieutenant Colonel Venanzi.

#### Western Hemisphere Task Force

Two members of the Western Hemisphere Task Force participated in a study mission to Guatemala appointed by the National Commander. The study mission met with the U.S. embassy staff, American businessmen, the president of Guatemala, and travelled by helicopter to remote highland areas where insurgency has raged. The study mission concluded that Guatemala has considerable strategic importance for the United States. Prior to visiting Guatemala, extensive research was conducted in Mexico for the ongoing study of U.S.-Mexican relations.

#### **Nuclear Freeze**

The Foreign Relations Commission continued a high level of activity in support of Resolution 494 on nuclear arms control, which was adopted at the 65th National Convention. That mandate calls for a four-step strategy of modernizing U.S. nuclear forces to restore credible deterrence, offsetting modern Soviet SS-20 missiles threatening NATO Europe, mutual reduction of nuclear forces, and, finally, a verifiable nuclear freeze of equal nuclear forces. Although the House of Representatives adopted an immediate nuclear freeze resolution, the Senate subsequently killed that measure. However, the nuclear freeze issue will continue.

## Foreign Relations Briefing

The Foreign Relations Commission annually prepares a briefing on the foreign relations program for use by interested Legionnaires. The briefing includes a text and supporting 35mm slides. Copies of the briefing are available from the National Security-Foreign Relations Division for \$13 (to cover cost of the slides).

# **National Security**Commission

Roger A. Munson (OH) Chairman G. Michael Schlee (MD) Director

"I appreciate the support that is continually expressed by The American Legion for a strong defense. Articulating this support reinforces the partnership in patriotism and national security that exists between the Legion and the Department of Defense."

CASPAR W. WEINBERGER Secretary of Defense

E IN THE UNITED STATES are competing on a world-wide basis with a foreign belligerent, socialist, military power which derives its authority to govern its own people from the barrel of a gun. Its way of life is totally alien to the values which we in the United States hold so dear. It has no respect for nor does it even acknowledge the



Roger A. Munson

basic individual and human rights which we as Americans have come to know since the founding of our democracy some 208 years ago.

The doubts remaining in anyone's mind about Soviet intentions or their ability and desire to intimidate

should have been removed by the actions of the Soviet pilots and ground controllers who callously murdered 269 innocent civilians when they fired an air-to-air missile at Korean Airlines Flight 007 and watched it disappear into the waters of the Sea of Japan.

And yet, we tend to be incredibly naive about the realities. For 20 years the military balance has been shifting on a global scale to the Soviets' advantage. The deterrent capabilities of our NATO allies and, indeed our other allies around the world, are becoming seriously eroded when compared to the vast Soviet military machine. That is the only reason they are able to shoot down a civilian airliner with complete

impunity.

The decisions which caused the problems now faced by an increasingly threatened United States and its allies is illustrated by former Secretary of Defense Harold Brown in an addendum to the report of the President's Commission Strategic Forces: "Recall that we said in the early 1970's that we would modernize with a new missile in the late 1970s. In the mid-1970s, we said we would do so in the early 1980's, and in the late 1970's that we would in the mid-1980s. We have failed so far to do any of those things, even while the Soviets were deploying over 600 new ICBMs, each with a payload equal or greater than that of the M-X, and with accuracies now matching those of the most accurate U.S. ICBMs."

There is no reason to expect that Legionnaires will settle for a defense posture that is second best to anyone any time in the future. If the Congress of the United States is properly educated on the following important issues, there is every reason to expect that our deterrent will remain effective, that the morale in our armed forces will remain high, and that those who serve will be equipped and trained on the best weapons

America can produce.

In keeping with its policy of staying informed on the issues, and equipment necessary to insure the defense of freedom, on August 18, 1983, approximately 130 members of the National Security Commission met at SEA-TAC International Airport and traveled to Fort Lewis, Washington, Headquarters of I Corps and the 9th Infantry Division. A reception and banquet were held on Thursday night in order to introduce members of the Commission to the command staff.



National Security Commission Chairman Roger A. Munson, OH, greets General John A. Wickham, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army at the 1984 Washington Conference.

On August 19, members of the Commission were treated to a demonstration by five members of the parachute team. Following this, the Commission was briefed by the Chief of Staff of I Corps on the mission and sub-facilities of Fort Lewis as well as the mission of the Corps headquarters. This was followed by a briefing of the mission training capabilities, and new technology being tested by the 9th Infantry Division.

The Commission spent the rest of the day inspecting equipment and talking to officers and men assigned to the Division. The equipment inspected included the Chinook Cobra, Blackhawk and light observation helicopters, the Dragon attack vehicle, the dune-buggy style fast attack vehicle, the M-60 tank, and the TOW wire guided anti-tank missile. Approximately 30 officers and enlisted men were hosted by the Commission for lunch at the Officer's Club.

On Saturday, August 20, approximately 250 members of the National Security Commission met in joint session with the Foreign Relations Commission to hear briefings and discuss issues of mutual interest. Mr. Dennis Nagy, Acting Director of Foreign Intelligence of the Defense Intelligence Agency, spoke on the "Soviet Threat," including detailed analysis of Soviet military capabilities.

Mr. Nestor Sanchez, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Inter-American Affairs, outlined U.S. policy for Central America stressing the fact that this policy consists primarily of economic aid and some training of local military forces, but without the

necessity of introducing U.S. combat troops.

The last speaker of the morning was Captain George P. Woodworth, Jr., Commanding Officer of the USS MICHIGAN, a TRIDENT ballistic missile submarine. He spoke of the ballistic missile submarine fleets' contribution to the nation's strategic deterrent force, as well as the life aboard a submarine and the manner by which the crew copes with boredom on a 70-day patrol.

Your Chairman, and Dr. Robert P. Foster, Chairman, Foreign Relations Commission, briefed the joint session on the Guatemalan study mission and the importance of that area to our nation. The visit included a lengthy meeting with then President Rios

Montt of Guatemala.

### **Washington Conference**

Approximately 300 members of the National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions met on February 27-29, 1984 at the Capital Hilton Hotel for a series of briefings on the occasion of The American Legion's annual Washington Conference. General John A. Wickham, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, headed the list of speakers for the Monday morning session. General Wickham spoke of the Army's plan for the coming year, in the context of the missions which the Army is called upon to perform. Explaining that 43% of the Army is serving overseas, he emphasized the need for modernization and reorganization if the Army is to remain a credible deterrent force.

Mr. William A. Kirby, a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State, briefed the joint session of the two Commissions on Lebanon. He outlined the history of Lebanon briefly and pointed out several



Members of the National Security Commission viewing soldiers and equipment from the 9th Infantry Division based at Fort Lewis, Washington prior to the 65th National Convention of The American Legion held in Seattle 1983.

things which stand in the way of peace in that troubled area of the Middle East. Unlike Americans, he stated, the people of Lebanon don't really think of themselves as Lebanese. Instead, they call themselves Maronite Christians, or Shiite Muslems, or Druze Muslems, etc. As a result, a truly representative government is very difficult to establish without arousing the suspicions of

one group or another.

A member of the Kissinger Committee on Central America, Dr. John R. Silber, President of Boston University, then briefed both Commissions on the role of the Kissinger Committee in establishing U.S. policy in Central America. Dr. Silber pointed out that the United States must take the lead in encouraging the formation of truly representative democracies which are genuinely concerned with the welfare of the poor in those countries where failure to do so would encourage the communist-led rebels to take over and rule by force of arms. He also mentioned that the U.S. does its own national interest no good whatsoever when it fails to speak with one voice beyond its borders.

The last speaker at the joint session was Mrs. Ann Mills Griffiths, Executive Director, National League of Families. Mrs. Griffiths had just returned from an officially sponsored trip to Hanoi where negotiations were undertaken in an effort to obtain more information on U.S. servicemen still unaccounted for as a result of the war in Southeast Asia. Mrs. Griffiths said there was reason to hope for much better cooperation from the North Vietnamese in the sharing of information on missing servicemen in the future.

During the afternoon, the National Security Commission was briefed by the Director of Space for the U.S. Air Force, Major General John H. Storrie. He outlined the initiatives undertaken recently to ensure that U.S. intelligence estimates, based on data gathered from satellites, remained valid. He also briefed on the use of the space shuttle from the new Air Force launch facility at Vandenburg Air Force Base,

California. Vandenburg will be the site of all shuttle launches which place satellites in a Polar orbit. To launch from the Kennedy Space Center into a Polar orbit would require that the booster rockets be dropped over land, an obvious safety problem.

Lt. General Robert C. Kingston, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command, headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, briefed the National Security Commission on his area of responsibility. His command is responsible for responding to threats to U.S. interests in the Persian Gulf and South Asia. In the event of deployment, he would have elements of all four services under his command to enter combat if necessary to protect American citizens and U.S. property from aggression or terrorism. One of his missions is to keep open the Straits of Hormuz through which 60% of the Free World's oil passes. Iran has threatened to close the Straits under certain conditions. President Reagan says the Straits will remain open.

On Wednesday morning, February 29, the National Security Commission was briefed on U.S. Navy initiatives by Rear Admiral Bruce Newell, the Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations for Total

Force Policy.

A business session was held during which pertinent resolutions were considered.

#### **Blood Donor Activities**

In the period from June 1, 1982 through May 31, 1983, 36 American Legion Departments actively participated in The American Legion Blood Program. The Department of Illinois received both of the National Commander's awards for participation on the basis of the number of Posts and on the basis of the number of individual Legionnaires. The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary joined with the American Red Cross in the annual Holiday Blood Drive. Created to meet the needs of patients when blood donations are down and the need for blood rises, the 1983-84 drive was most successful.

#### **RQTC Medals**

Departments having ROTC units supported ROTC programs by either awarding or encouraging Posts under their jurisdiction to award and participate in The American Legion's ROTC Medal Program. Response to this program has been outstanding. During the July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983 period, 1,170 medals have been awarded to deserving ROTC and Junior ROTC candidates. Presentations of medals were made to 415 ROTC units in 40 states and the District of Columbia.

## Crime Resistance

The American Legion National Crime Resistance Program continues to be a viable method of community involvement for local Legion Posts. The Crime Resistance booklet is in its 5th printing, and more than 450,000 copies have been distributed thus far to schools, Auxiliary Units, Legion Posts and other civic groups.



Keith Kreul, National Commander The American Legion National Headquarters Indianapolis, Indiana

We have examined the balance sheet of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1983 and 1982 and the related statement of expanses and changes in fund halances for the year ended revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances for the year ended December 31, 1983. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally and accordingly included such tests of the December 31, 1903. Our examinations were made in accordance with general accounting standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the auditing procedures as we considered accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the circumstances.

accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of The American Legion National Headquarters at In our opinion, the alorementioned linancial statements present land financial position of The American Legion National Headquarters at the recults of its operations and characteristics. financial position of The American Legion National Headquarters at December 31, 1983 and 1982 and the results of its operations and changes in the wear ended December 31 1983 in conformity with December 31, 1903 and 1902 and the results of its operations and changes in its fund balances for the year ended December 31, 1983, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis. generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

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	December 31	
	1983	1982
ASSETS		
URRENT FUND:		
Cash	\$ 955,326	\$ 923,1
Accounts receivable:	40.05	4484
Emblem Division	48,957	115,1
Publications Division	283,246	312,4
Other	132,843 500,757	99,1 306,1
Accrued interest on investments	900,797	500,1
Emblem Division	815,576	770,4
Publications Division	193,833	751,8
Prepaid expenses and supplies	179,128	178,7
Postal deposits and other advances	55,395	55,0
Tostal deposits and other advances	3,165,061	3,512,1
	3,100,001	_ 5,012,1
Investments—note 2:		
Segregated for Designated Funds	7,117,988	6,641,7
Segregated for Washington, D. C. building	477,901	462,8
Other	16,574,743	11,742,6
	24,170,632	18,847,1
Property and equipment:		
Washington, D. C. real estate:		
Land	80,000	80,0
Building	815,183	815,1
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment in:		1 000
National Headquarters building, Indianapolis, Indiana.	1,187,944	1,086,6
Washington, D. C. building	299,573	296,5
Capitalized leases—note 3	491,862	399,6
	2,874,562	2,677,9
Deduct: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>1,671,575</u>	1,413,8
	1,202,987	1,264,0
	28,538,680	23,623,
ONEXPENDABLE FUNDS—note 6:	20,000,000	
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:		
Cash	9,347	10,4
Accrued interest on investments	6,778	8,5
Investments	494,398	455,3
	510,523	474,4
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:		
Cash (overdraft)	_	(42,3)
Accrued interest on investments	27,166	27,1
Investments	4,150,015	3,359,6
	4,177,181	3,344,5
	\$33,226,384	\$27,442,3
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	December 31	
	1983	1982
LIABILITIES AND FUNDS		
CURRENT FUND: Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 967,213	\$ 1,065,190
Capitalized lease obligations—note 3	308,645	314,593
Deposits on Emblem merchandise sales	115,005	126,723
Life Insurance Trust	562,981	$\begin{array}{c} 419,768 \\ 10,742,552 \end{array}$
Accrued vacation benefits	$11,\!050,\!352 \\ 290,\!248$	291,268
Provision for health insurance liability	45,000	45,000
Funds held for Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund	· <del>_</del>	33,986
Other liabilities	37,728	21,139
Total liabilities	13,377,172	_13,060,219
Fund balance—notes 4 and 5:  Restricted funds:		
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Fund		146,478
Children and Youth Fund	_	44,943
Oratorical Contest Fund	121,700	107,671
Other restricted funds  Designated funds:	31,827	38,473
The Restricted Fund	4,978,501	4,501,030
The Reserve Fund	2,139,487	2,140,676
Direct Member Solicitation Fund	156,752	
	7,428,267	6,979,271
Appropriated funds	1,438,078	1,438,078
Unappropriated	$\frac{6,295,163}{15,131,500}$	$\frac{2,145,789}{10,530,100}$
Total fund balance	15,161,508	10,563,138
	28,538,680	23,623,357
NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS—note 6:		
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:	F10 F00	45.400
Fund balance	510,523	474,408
	510,523	474,408
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:		
Fund balance	4,177,181	3,344,544
	4,177,181	3,344,544
	<u>\$33,226,384</u>	<u>\$27,442,309</u>

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Statement of Revenue, Expens

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		Year Ended
		1983
	Unappropriated	Appropriated Funds
EVENUE:	@14 0G4 90Q	
National dues	\$14,064,208	
Sales of Emblem items	4,516,330	
Advertising revenue	3,046,671	
Investment income	1,776,926	
Corporation income received—note 7  Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion	585,690	
Life Insurance Trust—note 8	724,004	
Restricted contributions	42,500	
Other income	843,799	
Other meditie	25,600,128	
	29,000,128	
Salaries Employee benefits—note 9 Cost of Emblem items sold Direct publication expenses Executive and staff travel	5,255,478 $1,286,057$ $2,649,172$ $6,232,027$ $605,993$ $1,119,914$ $1,692,926$	
Commission and committee Operational Office Occupancy Special projects and programs	$\begin{array}{r} 1,092,920 \\ 953,814 \\ 786,113 \\ \underline{1,060,681} \\ \underline{21,642,175} \end{array}$	
Operational Office Occupancy Special projects and programs  XCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	953,814 786,113 1,060,681 21,642,175 3,957,953 2,145,789	\$1,438,078
Operational Office Occupancy Special projects and programs  XCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	953,814 786,113 1,060,681 21,642,175	\$1,438,078 \$1,438,078

See notes to financial statements.

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# d Changes in Fund Balances

Exhibit B Sheet 1

and

December 31		
		1982
Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Current Fund	Total Current Fund
\$ 476,282	\$14,064,208 4,516,330 3,046,671 2,253,208	\$ 9,625,792 4,456,550 3,288,586 1,843,261
	585,690	606,384
108,500 50,730 156,752 792,264	$832,504 \\ 93,230 \\ \underline{1,000,551} \\ \underline{26,392,392}$	$991,256 \\ 74,425 \\ \underline{860,837} \\ \underline{21,747,091}$
<u>151,847</u> <u>151,847</u>	$\begin{array}{c} 5,255,478 \\ 1,286,057 \\ 2,649,172 \\ 6,232,027 \\ 605,993 \\ 1,119,914 \\ 1,692,926 \\ 953,814 \\ 786,113 \\ \underline{1,212,528} \\ 21,794,022 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4,894,336 \\ 1,153,316 \\ 2,633,931 \\ 6,677,171 \\ 510,945 \\ 922,330 \\ 1,579,662 \\ 977,715 \\ 709,838 \\ \underline{1,381,058} \\ \underline{21,440,302} \end{array}$
640,417	4,598,370	306,789
6.979.271	10,563,138	10,256,349
$\frac{(191,421)}{\$7,428,267}$	\$ <u>15,161,508</u>	\$ <u>10,563,138</u>
(Exhibit B Sheet 2)		

# THE AMERICAN LEGION 1

Statement of Revenue, Expens Designated a Year Ended I

		Designated Fu	nds
	The Restricted Fund	The Reserve Fund	Direct. Solicitatio Fund
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust—note 8 Restricted contributions Income for Direct Member Solicitation	\$ 477,471	\$( 1,189)	
Program	477,471	( 1,189)	\$156,752 156,752
EXPENSES: Special projects and programs			
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	477,471	( 1,189)	156,752
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	4,501,030	2,140,676	-
INTERFUND TRANSFERS—note 4			
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$4,978,501	\$2,139,487	<b>\$156,75</b> 2

See notes to financial statements.

# TIONAL HEADQUARTERS

l Changes in Fund Balances stricted Funds per 31, 1982

Exhibit B Sheet 2

		Restricted Funds		
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Fund	Children And Youth Fund	Oratorical Contest Fund	Other Restricted Funds	Total Designated And Restricted Funds \$ 476,282
		\$108,500	\$ 50,730	$108{,}500 \\ 50{,}730$
		108,500	50,730	$\frac{156,752}{792,264}$
		94,471	<u>57,376</u>	151,847
		14,029	( 6,646)	640,417
\$146,478	\$ 44,943			6,979,271
(146,478)	<u>\$(44,943)</u>	107,671	38,473	( 191,421)
<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$121,700</u>	<u>\$ 31,827</u>	<u>\$7,428,267</u>
				(Exhibit B Sheet 1)

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## Notes to Fina

#### NOTE 1—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

General: The American Legion National Headquarters (the Legion) is a national veterans organization which was declared to be a corporate body by an Act of the United States Congress on September 16, 1919. The Legion acquired all of the assets and assumed all of the liabilities of the predecessor unincorporated national organization of the same name.

Basis of Presentation: The Legion generally reports for financial statement purposes on the accrual method of accounting, recognizing

income when earned and expenses when incurred.

The Legion maintains its accounts on a fund accounting basis wherein the accountability for certain segments of its operations are presented in specific designated and restricted fund balances. Further, the Legion has designated certain amounts for future projects or purposes, which amounts are presented as appropriated funds in the accompanying financial statements.

The revenue and expenses of nonexpendable funds are not included in the Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances—Current Fund. Instead, they are recorded directly to the nonexpendable funds involved as set forth in the footnotes to the financial

statements.

The amounts shown for 1982 in the accompanying Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances-Current Fund are

included only to provide a basis for comparison with 1983 amounts.

Accounts Receivable: The direct charge-off method is used to account for losses in collection of accounts receivable. An allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable is considered unnecessary by the Legion because all significant accounts expected to be uncollectible have been written off.

Inventories: Inventories, which consist of Emblem items held for sale and magazine paper and publication rights, are valued at the lower

of cost or market. Supplies which are not intended for sale are expensed when purchased.

Investments: Investments are recorded at cost. Premiums or discounts on investments are generally recognized at the time of disposal or maturity.

Property and Equipment: Furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost and are depreciated beginning in the year after acquisition on the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets involved. Leasehold improvements and repairs are

Depreciation on the Washington, D. C. building, which was constructed in 1951, is computed on the straight-line method using a fifty-year life. Beginning in 1969, investments approximately equal to the accumulated depreciation on the building have been segregated. Income on

these investments is unrestricted.

Income: Dues are recognized as income in the applicable membership period which is on a calendar-year basis. Income from The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation and The American Legion Life Insurance Trust are recorded when

received. These receipts are for projects and programs conducted in the year of receipt.

Pension Plan: The Legion has a defined-benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its employees, as well as those of certain affiliated and subordinated groups. The plan was established in 1944 by vote of the Legion's National Convention. Contributions to the plan are made by the Legion and other participating groups on the basis of annual actuarial valuations. The annual cost, as determined by the actuary, is computed using the aggregate-cost method and includes in normal cost any past service costs.

Federal Income Tax: The Legion is exempt from federal income tax (except on unrelated business income) under Section 501 of the

Internal Revenue Code.

#### NOTE 2—INVESTMENTS (CURRENT FUND):

The cost and market value of Current Fund investments are as follows:

	December 31			
	1983		1982	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Segregated for Designated Funds: U. S. Government obligations Accrued interest—restricted Uninvested cash		$  \begin{array}{r} \$ 6,803,000 \\ 125,349 \\ \phantom{00000000000000000000000000000000000$		\$ 6,668,939 86,489 22,178 6,777,606
Segregated for Washington, D.C. building: U. S. Government obligations	477,901	447,586	462,861	442,844
Other: U. S. Government obligations Certificates of deposit	16,474,743 100,000 16,574,743	16,024,407 100,000 16,124,407	$\frac{11,442,622}{300,000} \\ \hline 11,742,622$	$11,759,817 \\ 300,000 \\ \hline 12,059,817$
Total investments	<u>\$24,170,632</u>	<u>\$23,504,264</u>	<u>\$18,847,190</u>	<u>\$19,280,267</u>

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## Statements

#### NOTE 3—CAPITAL AND OPERATING LEASES:

The Legion has entered into lease agreements (which are accounted for as capital leases) for the rental of computer and copying equipment. The Legion has options to purchase the equipment or to extend the leases at the end of the original lease terms. The Legion is liable for property taxes, insurance, and repairs and maintenance in connection with the leased equipment. Cost and accumulated amortization of capitalized leases were \$491,862 and \$199,800 at December 31, 1983 and \$399,602 and \$99,900 at December 31, 1982. Future minimum payments on these leases, together with the present value of the payments, are as follows:

Years ending	
December 31:	
1984	\$177,715
1985	
1986	
1987	34,988
Total future minimum payments	
Less: Amount representing interest (approximately 22%)	84,942
Present value of future minimum payments	\$308,645

The Legion also rents other computer equipment, copiers, and cash registers under operating leases. Total rental expense on these operating leases was approximately \$145,000 in 1983 and \$197,000 in 1982.

In addition, the Legion has a lease with the State of Indiana for rental of the National Headquarters building in Indianapolis through November, 1985. According to the terms of the lease, in lieu of rental payments the Legion is required to maintain the interior of the building, as well as provide adequate insurance on the building. The cost of maintenance and insurance approximated \$260,000 in 1983 and \$280,000 in 1982. The Legion has the option of renewing the lease on the same terms through November, 1989.

## NOTE 4—RESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Receipts which are restricted by the donor are credited to the appropriate restricted fund, against which all expenditures for the related project or program are charged. Periodically, the Legion may add to restricted funds through allocations from unappropriated funds for specific future purposes and projects. In 1983, the Legion transferred \$146,478 and \$44,943, representing unused appropriated funds, from restricted funds to unappropriated funds, closing out the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Fund and the Children and Youth Fund, respectively.

The Restricted Fund, a designated fund, is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund, as well as principal, can be expended only on the recommendation of the National Finance Committee and a

two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee at two successive meetings.

The Reserve Fund, a designated fund, also is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund may be used for the general operations of the Legion, but the principal can be expended only:

(a) By action of the Legion at its national convention, or

(b) By two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee in two successive meetings not less than sixty days apart.

## NOTE 5-APPROPRIATED FUNDS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS:

There were no interfund transfers between unappropriated and appropriated funds. The balances of appropriated funds at December 31, 1983 and 1982 were as follows:

Publications Reserve	\$ 397.939
Real Estate Reserve	841.977
Convention Reserve	100,000
Employee Insurance Premium Stabilization Reserve	98,162
Total	\$1,438,078

#### NOTE 6-NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS:

The earnings of the Overseas Graves Decoration Fund are being used to honor, preserve and decorate the graves of those who served in the United States armed forces who are buried overseas. The Fund is to continue at the will of the National Convention of the Legion or the National Executive Committee. The Fund's trust agreement may be amended, changed or succeeded at the will of the National Executive Committee, provided that the purpose for which the Fund was created is retained.

In October, 1974, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of a life membership plan available to any member of a participating department. In accordance with the plan, the assets of the Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund are segregated in a trust account from which funds equal to the annual dues of life members are withdrawn for current operations each year. The trust agreement provides that the Legion has the right to withdraw part or all of the assets of the trust account and to modify or terminate the trust agreement at its discretion.

# Changes in Nonexpendable Funds during the year ended December 31, 1983 are as follows:

	Overseas Graves Decoration Fund	Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund
Revenue: Paid-Up-For-Life membership dues collected	\$ 48,037 48,037	$\begin{array}{r} \$ \ 866,897 \\ \hline 336,836 \\ \hline 1,203,733 \end{array}$
Expenses:  Membership dues withdrawn Decoration of graves: European Theatre Philippine Islands Administrative expense Trust fees	11,222 700	310,926 46,239 13,981
Excess of revenue over expenses Fund balances, January 1, 1983. Fund balances, December 31, 1983.	11,922 36,115 474,408 \$510,523	371,096 832,637 3,344,544 \$4,177,181

The cost and market value of investments in the Nonexpendable Funds are as follows:

	December 31					
	1983		1983 1982		982	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value		
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund: U. S. Government obligations	\$ 494,398	\$ 487,782	\$ 455,386	\$ 463,476		
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:						
U. S. Government obligations	\$1,358,622	\$1,362,893	\$1,089,189	\$1,132,563		
Commercial paper	217,000	217,000	2,180,000	2,180,000		
Money market accounts	2,452,012	2,452,012				
Common stocks	122,381	174,937	90,502	111,975		
Total investments	\$4,150,015	\$4,206,892	\$3,359,691	\$3,424,538		

#### NOTE 7—AMERICAN LEGION ENDOWMENT FUND CORPORATION:

The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation (the Endowment Fund) was incorporated in 1925 as a not-for-profit corporation with perpetual existence to act as trustee for the American Legion Endowment Fund, which was created to provide permanent funding for rehabilitation of American veterans and assistance to orphans of veterans. In August, 1946, the Legion transferred securities having a market value of \$2,001,000 to the Endowment Fund. The assets transferred have been held segregated by the Endowment Fund and the principal related to the 1946 transfer, which had a market value of \$1,582,802 at December 31, 1983, may be withdrawn by the Legion, if needed, for rehabilitation of veterans or assistance to orphans of veterans.

Income earned on the investments of the Endowment Fund, net of administrative expenses, is payable to the Legion to support its programs for the above-mentioned purposes. In addition to the amount received from the Endowment Fund of \$585,690 in 1983, there was \$146,026 at December 31, 1983, in net investment earnings of the Endowment Fund, which was payable to the Legion.

#### NOTE 8—LIFE INSURANCE TRUST:

In connection with The American Legion's Life Insurance Plan, the Legion has created a Trust to which the First National Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, as Trustee, holds legal title. The accumulated earnings of the Trust funds and any experience rating refunds and dividends received from the insurors, which aggregate to approximately \$5,500,000 as of December 31, 1983, are available for any of the following purposes, if approved by the Legion:

- (a) To increase the Trust fund.
- (b) To reduce or pay in full the life insurance premiums thereafter due from participants.
- (c) To provide additional life insurance benefits for the participants.
- (d) To make refunds to the participants.
- (e) To make distributions to the Legion in support of its activities and programs serving the interest of the Legion and its members, provided that such distributions are not disapproved in writing by a majority of the participants.

In accordance with the provisions of item (e) above, the Legion's National Executive Committee has approved partial funding of the oratorical contest, Boys' Nation, American Legion Baseball, and other programs of the Legion. At December 31, 1983, \$1,112,620 in Trust Funds had been approved for use in designated programs during 1984.

#### NOTE 9-PENSION PLAN:

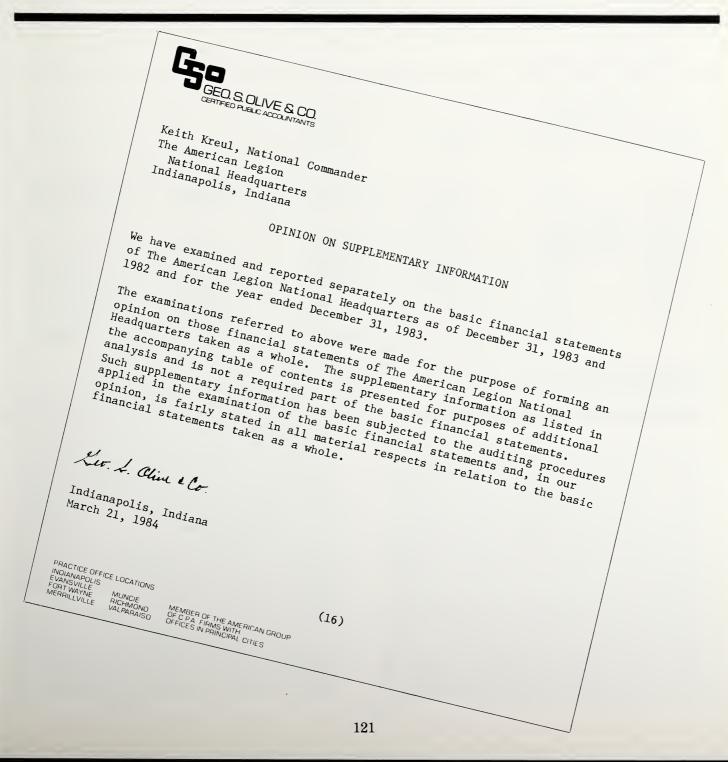
Pension expense under the defined-benefit pension plan in which the Legion participates was \$515,697 in 1983. Accumulated plan benefit information, as estimated by the plan's actuary, and net assets of the plan allocable to The American Legion National Headquarters were as follows:

	January 1	
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits:	1983	1982
Vested Nonvested	\$ 9,087,237 	\$8,555,048 932,291
Total	<u>\$10,096,256</u>	\$9,487,339
Net assets available for plan benefits (at market value)	<u>\$10,889,727</u>	\$8,501,854

The assumed rate of return used in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits was 6%.

## NOTE 10—LITIGATION:

The Legion is currently involved as a co-defendant in several legal actions. It is the opinion of the National Judge Advocate that any ultimate liability of the Legion will not be material to the financial statements.



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# Analysis of Unappropriated R Year Ended D

Employee benefits		National Officers, Commissions And Committees	Internal Programs (primarily Indianapolis)	External Activities (primarily Washington, D. C
Sales of Emblem items. Advertising revenue Investment income American Legion Endowment Fund corporation income received Amounts withdrawn from American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund Restricted contributions. Other income  CXPENSES: Salaries \$212,420 \$1,859,656 \$5 Employee benefits 53,245 455,663 1 Cost of Emblem items sold Direct publication expenses Executive and staff travel 272,683 206,526 Commission and committee 1,067,672 41,356				
Advertising revenue Investment income American Legion Endowment Fund corporation income received Amounts withdrawn from American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund Restricted contributions Other income   XPENSES: Salaries				
Investment income				
American Legion Endowment     Fund corporation income     received  Amounts withdrawn from     American Legion Life     Insurance Trust Fund Restricted contributions Other income   XPENSES:  Salaries  Salaries  Salaries  Salaries  Salaries  Salaries  Salaries  Employee benefits  Cost of Emblem items sold Direct publication expenses Executive and staff travel  272,683  206,526 Commission and committee  1,067,672  41,356	westment income			
Fund corporation income				
Amounts withdrawn from				
American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund Restricted contributions Other income   XPENSES: Salaries \$212,420 \$1,859,656 \$5 Employee benefits 53,245 455,663 1 Cost of Emblem items sold Direct publication expenses Executive and staff travel 272,683 206,526 Commission and committee 1,067,672 41,356				
Insurance Trust Fund Restricted contributions Other income   XPENSES: Salaries \$212,420 \$1,859,656 \$5 Employee benefits 53,245 455,663 1 Cost of Emblem items sold Direct publication expenses Executive and staff travel 272,683 206,526 Commission and committee 1,067,672 41,356				
Restricted contributions       Other income         Other income       \$212,420       \$1,859,656       \$5         Salaries       \$3,245       \$45,663       \$1         Cost of Emblem items sold       \$1				
Other income       XPENSES:         Salaries       \$ 212,420       \$1,859,656       \$ 5         Employee benefits       53,245       455,663       1         Cost of Emblem items sold       Direct publication expenses       272,683       206,526         Executive and staff travel       272,683       206,526         Commission and committee       1,067,672       41,356				
XPENSES:       \$ 212,420       \$1,859,656       \$ 5         Salaries       \$ 53,245       455,663       1         Cost of Emblem items sold       Direct publication expenses         Executive and staff travel       272,683       206,526         Commission and committee       1,067,672       41,356				
Salaries       \$ 212,420       \$1,859,656       \$ 5         Employee benefits       53,245       455,663       1         Cost of Emblem items sold       0				
Employee benefits       53,245       455,663       1         Cost of Emblem items sold       0	ENSES:			
Cost of Emblem items sold		\$ 212,420		\$ 546,383
Direct publication expenses       272,683       206,526         Executive and staff travel       272,683       41,356         Commission and committee       1,067,672       41,356	mployee benefits	53,245	455,663	132,491
Executive and staff travel.       272,683       206,526         Commission and committee       1,067,672       41,356				
Commission and committee		070.600	906 596	50,414
				50,414
(Inovertional 3.500 I M.S. 2022	ommission and committee	3,500	1,093,502	102,865
Operational				129,810
Occupancy		1,201	,	11
Special projects and programs		45,178	936,305	42,960
		\$1,655,902	\$4.884,207	\$1,004,934

## **Affiliated Organizations**

The major affiliated organization of The American Legion is the American Legion Auxiliary, nearly one million members strong, which was authorized by action of the Legion's First Annual National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1919.

It is the firm opinion of the American Legion there is no more loyal, cooperative and supportive auxiliary to be found anywhere in the spectrum of service than that exemplified by the relationship between the Legion and its Auxiliary.

The philosophy, principles and policies of The American Legion and Auxiliary are parallel and each is dedicated to service to God and country.

The Auxiliary is made up of the wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of American volunteers of honorable service in WWI, WWII, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Era and of those who

are eligible for membership in The American Legion. Together, the Legion and Auxiliary are a family of veterans.

Based on this concept, 1983-1984 National President Anna Gear has emphasized the importance of the family during her term of office that began in August, 1983 in Seattle, Washington and will conclude at the 64th Annual National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah in September, 1984.

Citing the pressure faced by both parents and children in the 1980's, she has stressed the need for the Auxiliary to expand its own family activities and to support community programs and efforts geared to the support of the family structure.

Within the Auxiliary, she has reinforced the role of the Junior Auxiliary member (those under age 18), stressing the need for a new generation to carry on the programs, and establishing a National Junior Convention in conjunction with the Auxiliary's annual convention in Salt Lake City. She will install an elected

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ue And Expenses by Function ber 31, 1983

Schedule 1

ns				Self-Support	ing Functions	
_	Admini Indianapolis	istration Washington, D. C.	Total General	Emblem	Publications	Total All
	indianapons	wasnington, D. C.	Functions	Division	Division	Functions
			\$ 7,671,622	\$4,516,330	\$6,392,586	\$14,064,208 4,516,330
			1,776,926	, -,,	3,046,671	3,046,671 1,776,926
			585,690			585,690
			724,004			724,004
			42,500 $596,949$	6,500	240,350	42,500
			11,397,691	4,522,830	9,679,607	$\frac{843,799}{25,600,128}$
	\$1,313,614	\$394,203	4.326,276	392,520	536,682	E 955 470
	320,398	95,949	1,057,746	96,108	132,203	5,255,478 1,286,057
		,	_,,	2,649,172	102,200	2,649,172
	00.10				6,232,027	6,232,027
	22,135 10,886	10,966	562,724	27,084	16,185	605,993
	212,357	22,636	1,119,914	007 000	00.77.4	1,119,914
	134,997	66,180	1,434,860 548,390	235,292 236,453	22,774 $168,971$	1,692,926
	(226,597)	187,070	35,484	222,012	528,617	953,814 786,113
	12,298		1,060,681			1,060,681
	\$1,800,088	<u>\$800,944</u>	10,146,075	3,858,641	7,637,459	21,642,175
			\$_1,251,616	\$ 664,189	\$2,042,148	\$ 3,957,953

National Junior President to represent more than 100,000 Junior members. The first convention is supported by the sale of the National President's Commemorative Plate, the first in a new series.

Emphasis and interest in children and youth are extended through the ALA's Foreign Relations project—providing funds for a non-sectarian orphanage in Cuernavaca, Morales, Mexico for an irrigation well to assist the orphanage in becoming more self-sufficient in food production.

Auxiliary interest in education is extensive and more than 100 scholarships are given to deserving students each year. Legislative efforts in concert with the Legion have been effective for decades and are now supported through a Legislative Council, a network organized for rapid contact with Congress on matters of importance to veterans' benefits.

The value of the Auxiliary volunteer corps in the 172 VA Medical Centers becomes more important as America's veteran population grows older. Nearly

three million volunteer hours are given annually by members, providing personal care and comfort to veterans.

One of the Auxiliary's oldest and most respected programs is the distribution of the hand-made memorial poppy. Made by veterans in memory of veterans in Auxiliary-sponsored poppy shops, the program serves several purposes including physical and psychological therapy and a stipend for the hospitalized veteran. Public support for the poppy program is usually over \$1½ million annually.

The Eight and Forty is an affiliate of the Auxiliary, making it an affiliate of The American Legion. The principal emphasis of the Eight and Forty for programming is directed to the problems of youth and specifically to the area of assistance to those suffering lung and respiratory diseases. A number of nursing scholarships are provided each year to individuals in the nursing profession who wish to enhance their knowledge and skills in this area of health care.

# THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

## Reconciliation of Audited Financial Statements to Internal Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 1983

	Unappropriated	Total Current Fund
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES—INTERNAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:		
Page 1. Page 6.	\$4,448,616	\$4,002,895
ADD (DEDUCT):		
Excess of revenue over expenses for certain		
designated and restricted funds not included in internal financials—principally The		
Restricted Fund		640,417
Excess of expenses over revenue of the following responsibility areas not included in internal financials:		
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Children and Youth	( 415,504) ( 75,163)	
Close out of Children and Youth Fund balance recorded as income instead of interfund		
transfer in internal financials		( 44,943)
Rounding differences	4	1
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES— AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—		
exhibit B, sheet 1 (page 5)	\$3,957,953	\$4,598,370

# American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation

Robert Charles Smith (LA) President

Foreseeing the necessity of a recurring income source for funding its war veterans rehabiliation and child welfare programs, The American Legion conducted a national campaign in 1925 which raised approximately \$5 million for this purpose. The funds contributed were entrusted to the custody of the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation.

The Corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1925 and a trust agreement between The American Legion and the Corporation was signed in accordance with which the funds are administered by the Corporation with the annual net investment income being paid to The American Legion for use in the two programs involved.

The operations and financial condition of the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation for each of the last five years are summarized below (taken from the annual audit reports prepared by Geo. S. Olive & Co., Indianapolis, Indiana).

	December 31 	December 31 1982	December 31 1981	December 31 1980	December 31 1979
Total assets	<u>\$7,314,933</u>	<u>\$7,310,964</u>	<u>\$7,316,357</u>	\$7,294,883	<u>\$7,297,577</u>
Investments—at cost	<u>\$7,243,536</u>	\$7,221,538	\$7,120,407	<u>\$7,170,044</u>	<u>\$7,205,633</u>
Interest income Expenses	\$ 616,218 23,225	\$ 639,065 20,920	\$ 629,892 25,712	\$ 605,235 26,866	\$ 577,261 18,232
Excess of income over expense	\$ 592,993	<u>\$ 618,145</u>	\$ 604,180	<u>\$ 578,369</u>	\$ 559,029
Funds transferred to The American Legion	\$ 585,690	\$ 606,384	\$ 602,850	\$ 593,711	\$ 525,000
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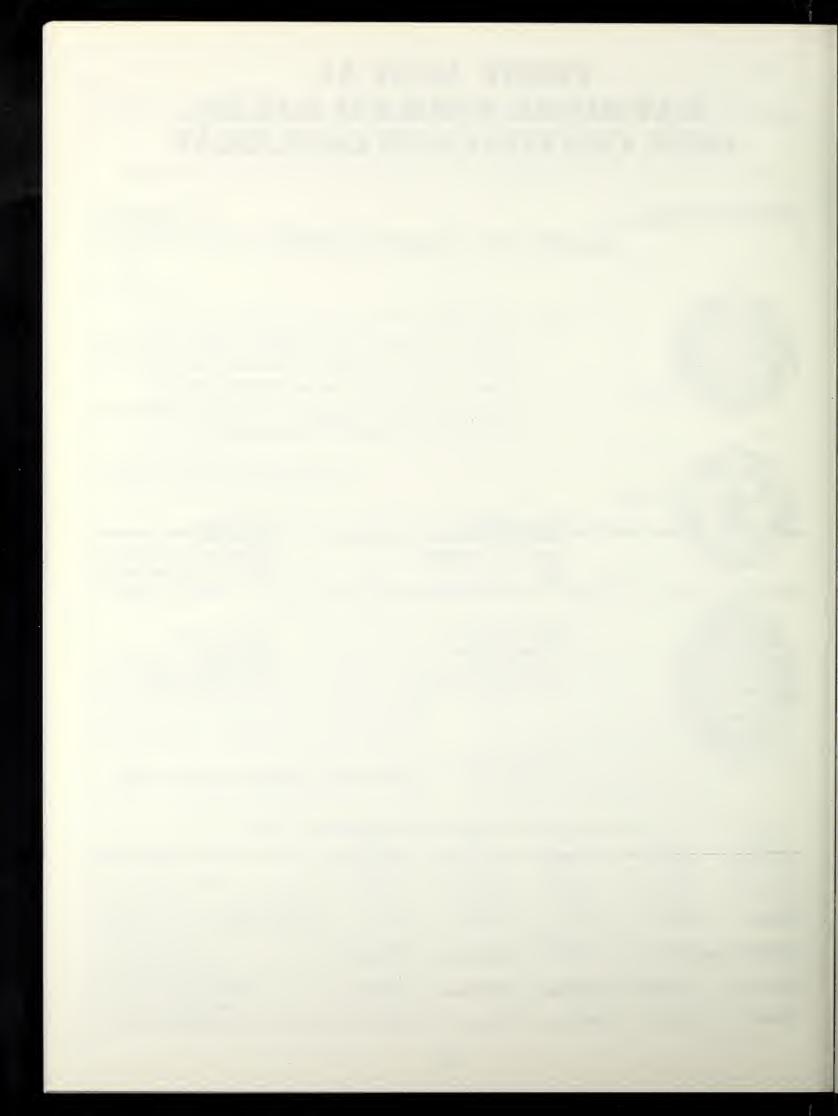


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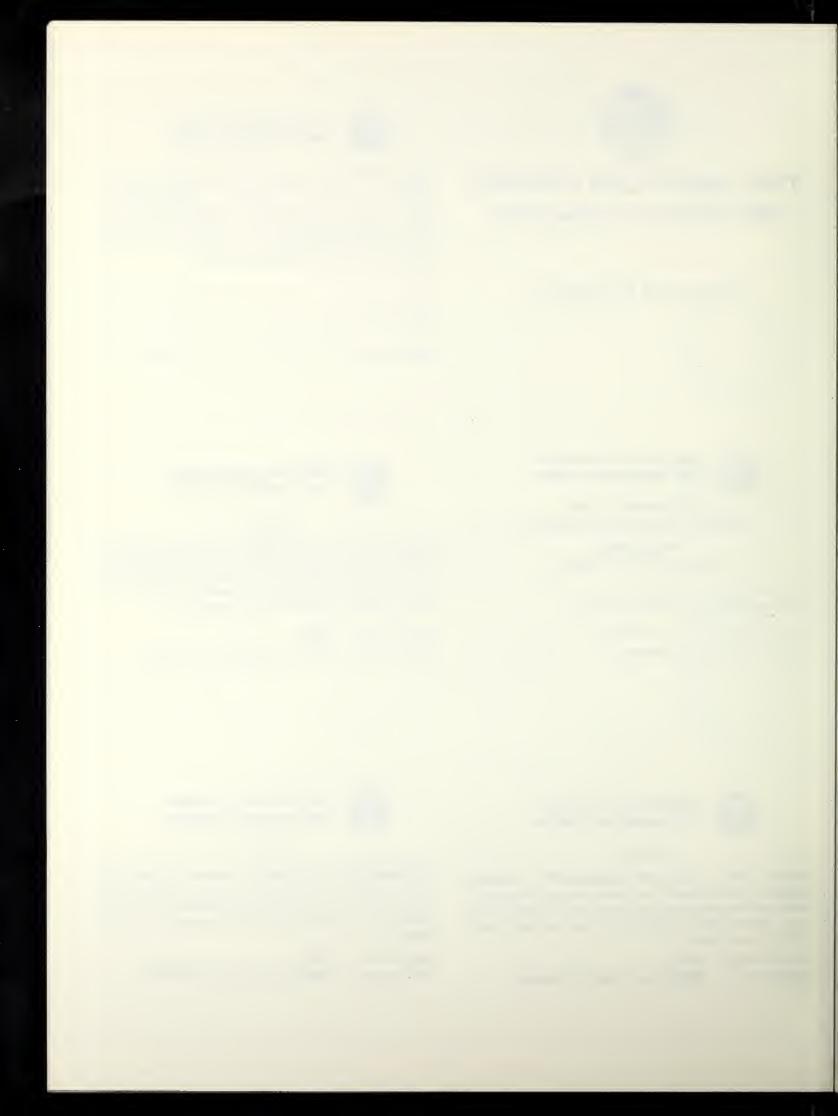
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SNOWBIRD ALPINE RESORT—Ascend to Snowbird Ski Resort through Little Cottonwood Canyon, aerial tram ride (optional) to the roof of the Rockies, drive up the canyon to the town of Alta, one of the oldest ski areas in the United States

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#### **TOUR F**

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#### **TOUR G**

SALT LAKE CITY MUSEUM TOUR—Visit Utah's Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of National History, Utah's Arboretum on the U of U's campus. (Guided tours & admissions included).

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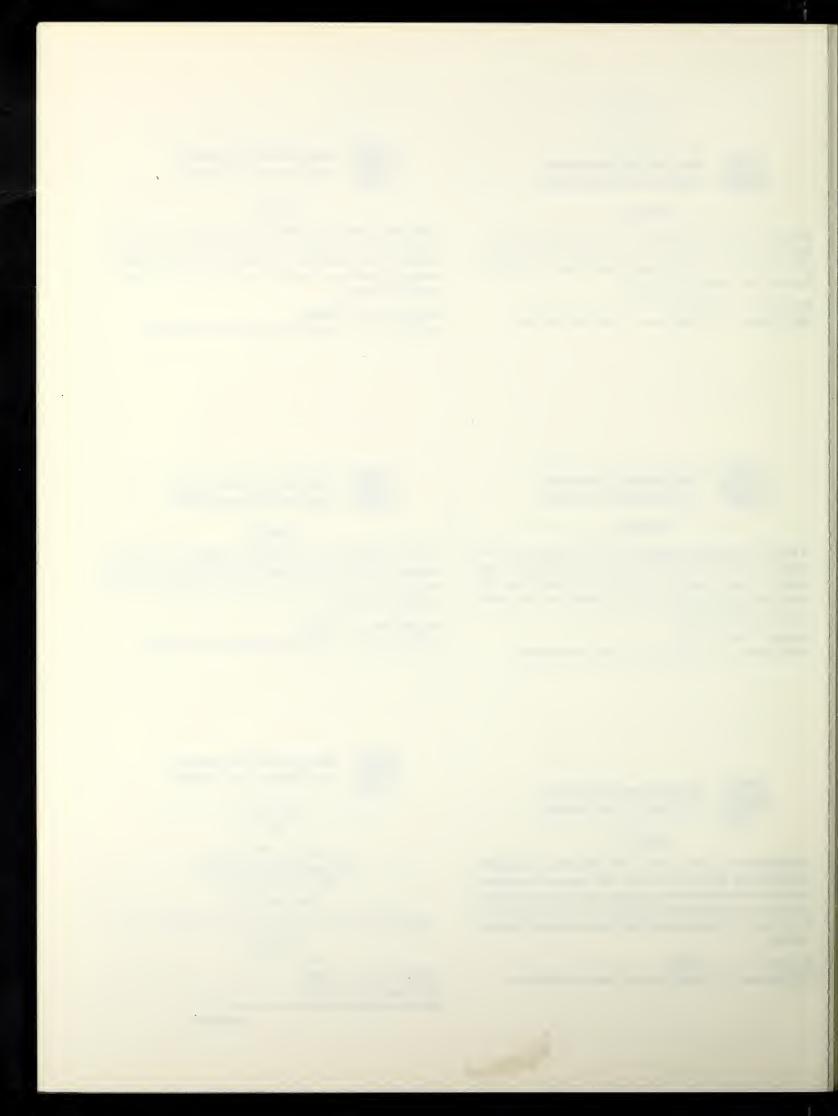
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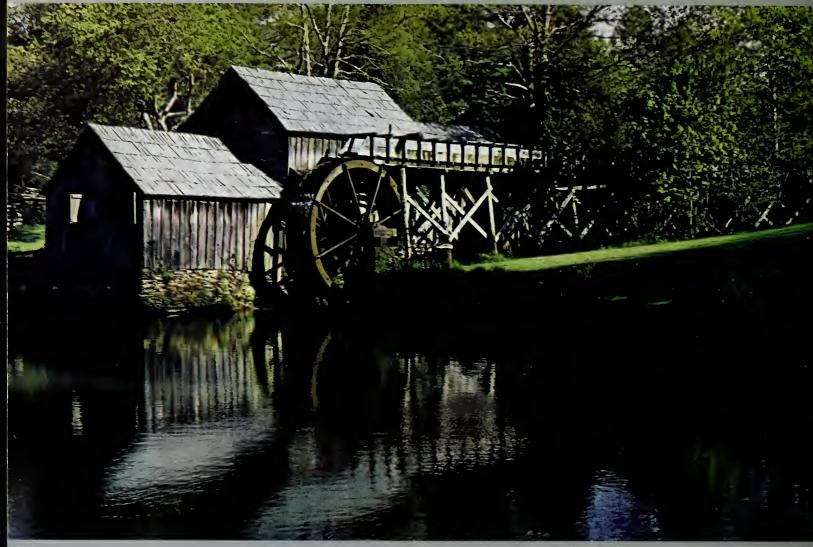
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